

Djibouti terrorists hijack bus with 31 French school children

IBOUTI. — Three self-styled "nationalist" terrorists hijacked at gunpoint a schoolbus with 31 French children aboard yesterday (1) and they would kill all of them if France grants this territory independence and frees political prisoners.

Later reports said they were holding 40 French nationals in all. Djibouti is the capital of the Afars and Issa territory (formerly French Somaliland) at the southern entry to the Red Sea. France recognized the territory's right to independence in a referendum, but it is claimed by both its neighbors, Somalia and Ethiopia.

The heavily armed hijackers, belonging to the outlawed Liberation Front of French Somaliland, kept the young hostages under close guard while negotiating with French authorities, including military commanders and deputy high commissioner Jean Froment. The small vice-consul was also present. The bargaining was held in stifling heat near a road block formed by a disarmed French security force. The French military contingent, using the naval, air and ground

force bases in this strategic desert land on East Africa's coast. Food and water were being supplied to the children aged between 6 and 12. Despite the conditions, the children had remained completely calm, Froment said.

The hijackers ordered all adults to step down, seized the wheel of the bus and roared off towards nearby Somalia, the nation supporting their anti-French movement.

The gunmen broke through the first hastily organized roadblock. But a policeman burst a tire of the vehicle with a sub-machinegun volley, and the bus ground to a halt in front of the roadblock at Loyada, 12 kms away close to the borderline.

In Paris, President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing helped to supervise the negotiations.

The three men — whose movement recently was blamed for a series of bloody incidents — said in a petition handed to French negotiators they wanted France to abandon her plans to stage a referendum. Apparently fearing the plebiscite vote in favor of France, the gunmen demanded the pledge of immediate independence and release of all political prisoners.

Among the prisoners are two Liberation Front members held on charges of assassinating a French policeman.

The attackers warned that if France tried to outsmart them "she

Peres sees Syrian war possible in May

Against 'interim' talks with Jordan

DEFENCE MINISTER Shimon Peres warned yesterday that Syria might launch a surprise attack on Israel during 1976. Israel was fully prepared for such an eventuality.

The minister was being interviewed on the Army radio's "Meet the Press" programme.

The crucial period would come in May, with the expiry of the UN forces' mandate on the Golan, the minister said. He doubted whether the Syrians could "go it alone," and they were now trying to bring about a coalition of forces that would include at least Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon. The Syrians were also trying to find a way of dragging Egypt into the line.

Commenting on Israel's relationships with the Arab world, Mr. Peres said the present unwritten agreement with Jordan, which includes open bridges, economic contact and "good manners in political statements," was preferable to a negotiated interim settlement. "If we change the current situation for diplomatic haggling for another arrangement, we might lose what we already have in hand," the minister said.

The continued supply of weaponry to Egypt from three technologies — Russian, American and European — contributed to her increasingly extremist position, said the minister. If the Egyptians were to be offered fighter planes from the U.S., Israel would oppose this with all her strength. However, Mr. Peres said that Israel had no knowledge of such an offer.

Relationships between Israel and Russia had deteriorated, according to Peres. The Soviets were now less interested in Israel's security existence than they had been. This was reflected in official Russian pronouncements as well as in closer relations between the Soviets and the PLO.

Speaking on the situation in Lebanon, the Defence Minister said that Israel's reaction to military developments there would be "appropriate." She would not intervene in the civil war, nor would she cross the border without explaining her objectives. Defensive measures would be taken if the Syrian army were to invade Lebanon, but Israel did not see it as necessary to respond militarily to every change in an Arab state.

Israel's readiness to receive refugees from the fighting in Lebanon had come about after an entire Lebanese village had requested it, Peres said. The Palestinian force that had entered Lebanon numbered between 1,500 and 2,000 men, in four battalions, one of which has since returned to Syria. None of the units was equipped with tanks or heavy artillery.

Peres claimed that units of the Lebanese army that had been transferred elsewhere during the civil war had returned to their bases along the border with Israel. But there were now only two battalions of Lebanese regulars on the border, as opposed to three before the outbreak of fighting.

(Earlier, a large group of foreign correspondents, touring the northern frontier from Raikhan to Misgav Am, were told by local sector commanders that there were no signs of army movement back to the frontier, and that Lebanese army positions at the border were still unoccupied. The local commanders explained that any Lebanese units which are still in South Lebanon are concentrated at army bases and camps further inland.)

The commanders, identified as (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

Egypt wants to 'westernize' its Soviet tanks

WASHINGTON. — Egypt is arranging for modification of hundreds of its Soviet-supplied tanks so they can use Western parts and ammunition, U.S. intelligence sources report.

Cairo's objective is to reduce sharply Egypt's reliance on the Soviet Union for the essentials to keep Egyptian armoured forces in running order, American analysts say.

According to intelligence reports, Egypt has been negotiating with Italy to modify T52 tanks by replacing their 115 mm. guns with 105 mm. guns using standard NATO ammunition. The work is to be done in Italy, sources said.

At the same time, intelligence reports said, Egypt has been discussing with Britain plans to rebuild T54 and T55 tanks with 105 mm. guns and new engines.

Egypt has about 2,400 tanks, all of Russian manufacture. There was no word on how many would be modified, or when.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has been seeking Western sources for arms since Egypt and the Soviet Union split over Russian objections to closer relations between

Egypt and the U.S. after the 1973 Middle East war.

So far, Egypt "hasn't sought to buy major quantities of arms from the U.S., although the State Department on Monday confirmed reports that Egypt has asked the U.S. to sell it some C130 military transport planes. If Congress approves, this would be the first such deal with Egypt since 1967.

For the most part, the Egyptians have been talking with the French and British about acquiring aircraft and weapons manufactured in those countries, with Saudi Arabia paying for much of the Egyptian purchases.

Intelligence sources said France in recent months has granted Egypt a licence to assemble Mirage F1 war planes in Egypt. According to some reports, Egypt will assemble about 400 such modern planes for itself and for the Arab military industrial organization, composed of Saudi Arabia and several small oil-producing countries.

As part of this deal, France is helping Egypt build its own arms industry.

Britain is said to be trying to get in on a similar deal with Egypt. (AP, UPI)

Jordan in new bid for West Bank

AMMAN. — The Jordanian Cabinet at an extraordinary meeting yesterday decided to indefinitely postpone parliamentary elections scheduled for March 23 and resurrect the old parliament which was dissolved in 1974.

Government sources said King Hussein will issue a decree next week summoning the old parliament into session. The 60 seats of the house are divided equally between East and West Bankers.

The cabinet meeting, chaired by Premier Zaid Rifai, said the postponement of the elections was due to the "current circumstances still prevailing in this region."

The announcement did not elaborate.

The Jordanian monarch yesterday invited members of the dissolved parliament — from both banks of the River Jordan — for talks today at the royal Basman palace.

Hussein had dissolved parliament following the 1974 Rabat Arab summit resolution which recognized the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. Hussein's move was seen then as an attempt to ease Palestinian out of parliament and the administration.

The monarch's decision to resurrect the old parliament followed talks which Premier Rifai held this week with Syrian and Saudi Arabian officials on chances of reconciliation between the Amman government and the PLO.

Hussein invited a number of former West Bank members of the Jordanian parliament to Jordan earlier this week. They were to meet yesterday with Premier Rifai and are due to meet Hussein today.

Israel is insisting that any discussions on the future of the West Bank should be held with Jordan. (AP)

We'll pay for Angola flaccidity

N FRANCISCO. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger blames Congress for helping to set an "ominous precedent" by halting U.S. support anti-Soviet factions in Angola.

The pattern is not broken now will face harder choices and her costs in the future.

Kissinger's foreign policy speech, part of which was distributed in advance, called for a balanced policy of firmness and conciliation in dealing with the Soviet Union.

We must accept that sovereignty, especially of roughly equal size, cannot impose unacceptable conditions on each other, but must be decided by compromise," he said.

At the same time, Kissinger told Commonwealth Club of San Francisco and the World Affairs

Council of Northern California that the U.S. and its allies can and must prevent the Soviets from using their power "for unilateral advantage and political expansion."

Angola, he said, represents the first time that Moscow has moved militarily at long distance to impose a regime of its choice.

"It is the first time," he said, "that the U.S. has failed to respond to Soviet military moves outside the immediate Soviet orbit. And it is the first time that Congress has halted national action in the middle of a crisis."

Last week, despite a personal appeal by President Ford, the House voted 325 to 99 to ban covert American military aid to anti-Soviet forces in Angola. The Senate took

similar action late last year.

In his speech, Kissinger said the Soviet Union and Cuba, which has about 11,000 troops fighting alongside the Popular Movement, must understand "that Angola sets no precedent, that this type of action will not be tolerated again."

He said the Ford Administration does not see the U.S. playing the role of the world's policeman. "But it can never be in our interest," he added, "to let the Soviet Union act as the world's policeman."

While taking a hard line on Angola, Kissinger defended the pursuit of a new treaty with the Soviet Union to limit offensive nuclear weapons, since "no part of the globe would be spared the effects of a general nuclear exchange." (AP)

Skirmishes mar Beirut truce

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Intermittent skirmishes broke out in various parts of Lebanon yesterday, marring the two-week-old ceasefire. In contrast to the past, Beirut radio last night gave no details of yesterday's incidents.

The skirmishes, which appeared to be minor, occurred as Christian and Moslem leaders began to study a Syrian-inspired formula which divides the Lebanese administration equally between the country's two religious communities.

Interior Minister Camille Chamoun, who is a Christian militia chief, yesterday told AP that the Damascus-sponsored formula could succeed only if the Syrians curb the presence of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon.

"There has never been a civil war between Lebanese groups, or between Lebanese sections of the population," he said, adding that

the ten-month-long war in Lebanon "has been exclusively a Lebanese-Palestinian war."

Chamoun said that the key to peace in Lebanon lies in Syria's ability to force the terrorist organizations to abide by the agreements subjecting them to Lebanese sovereignty.

Leftist leader Kamal Jumblatt yesterday said right-wing Christian leaders were prepared to accept the protection of Israel.

Speaking to local newsmen, Jumblatt said the rightists' call for the restoration of Lebanon's total sovereignty "indicates that their intentions are not good."

"We are more jealous for national sovereignty than they (the Christians) are, since they had traded it away in the past for protection of the foreign powers and French protection and now they are ready to trade it for Israel protection," Jumblatt said.

Rabin says 'amended' list was correct

JERUSALEM POST Correspondent

LOS ANGELES. — Premier Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that the "corrected" military shopping list submitted to the U.S. contained only items essential for Israel's security and for maintaining the balance of power in the Middle East.

Sources in the Prime Minister's party added that this corrected list — from which several items had been deleted after they were deemed unnecessary — had been submitted by Defence Minister Shimon Peres during his last visit to Washington.

The sources said Rabin would not go into any additional details concerning the arms requests during his U.S. visit, but would save them for Monday's Knesset debate (a no-confidence motion has been tabled on the subject).

Rabin made the statement on the "corrected" shopping list in response to the uproar that followed the disclosure last Thursday by a "senior source" in his party that the Defence Ministry lists had embarrassed Israel since they had contained "gadgets" and items not essential for Israel's security.

Rabin, who arrived here from Chicago on board a special presidential plane, was met at the airport by Mayor Tom Bradley and Israeli Consul Hanech Givon.

Rabin told the press here that he did not believe President Anwar Sadat's reported statement that the U.S. had made a tacit agreement to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization. (see p. 4)

"I doubt it," he said, "because I can't see that a private understanding with Egypt, which Israel has not agreed to, can help the cause of negotiations in any positive way."

Dinstein blasted for oil search flop

JERUSALEM POST Knesset Reporter

THE SEARCH FOR oil during the last few years has not only been futile, but was conducted in a manner so lackadaisical as to border on the scandalous.

This was the charge levelled yesterday against the Government's direction of the search for oil by Ya'acov Salzman, who in 1971 headed a committee charged with investigating the entire effort. He was answering questions in the Knesset Economic Committee, which was discussing a motion for the agenda to survey the country's search for oil, presented by Micha Harish (Alignment).

Salzman, a former Deputy Director-General of the Treasury and today a senior official of the Farmers Federation, elaborated on the dismal picture of the search for oil, saying that the companies in the field in 1971 — when he wrote his report — acted with complete lack of coordination, made decisions arbitrarily and often based on irrelevant factors and the personal likes and dislikes of managers.

He placed much of the blame for these failures on the shoulders of Zvi Dinstein, who, as Deputy Minister of Finance in 1971, was responsible for all oil exploration. Today Dr. Dinstein is adviser to the Government on oil and energy.

Mr. Harish said that Israel would be 99 per cent dependent on oil for its energy needs at least until 1983, when the Hadera power station, designed to produce electricity from either oil or coal, is scheduled to open. The country's first atomic energy station is not expected to be operative before 1985, he said.

Harish asked the officials appearing before the Economics Committee why geological research had not been unified as recommended in the 1971 Salzman report. He also wanted to know why it took till 1974 before the National Oil Exploration Company was set up, which was to rectify many of the earlier shortcomings in the search for oil.

The manager of that company, Israel Lior, told the Committee that the search for oil had in fact been reorganized by his firm and that foreign investors were showing increasing interest in teaming up with Israeli firms in this effort.

He also said that Government agencies controlling the search had been streamlined, with most control now concentrated in the Finance Ministry. He admitted, however, that in the field of geological research, three separate authorities still existed.



Young heder pupils were photographed during a school recess by Rahamim Yisraeli, in the Givat Shalom quarter of Jerusalem, yesterday.

BULLETIN 'Mrs. Yundeff agrees'

Sarah Yundeff has agreed to take her two boys back to Germany and to assume responsibility for their good behavior during the flight, according to Dov Yisraeli, the father's lawyer. He said these assu-

rances had been given to the welfare officer dealing with the case, Esther Ichilov. Mrs. Yundeff's lawyer, Shlomo Cohen-Zidon, said he had learnt nothing about this. (Earlier report — Page 2)

Serge Klarsfeld arrested

ANKFURT. — Paris lawyer Serge Klarsfeld, 40, was arrested yesterday while petitioning them to take measures against two Nazi criminals.

Klarsfeld was detained in the short State Attorney's office terms of a Cologne court's arrest order. State Attorney Dietrich Rahn said he order was issued after Serge Klarsfeld and his wife Beate openly

admitted they staged the spectacular 1971 attempt to kidnap Kurt Eisler, a German Jew, and bring him before French justice.

Klarsfeld, a Rumanian-born French Jew, told reporters earlier yesterday that he was deliberately courting arrest. He said he wants to publicize his claim that German justice moves too slowly against former Nazi officials convicted of war crimes in absentia by post-war French courts.

Wearing his French lawyer's robes, Klarsfeld was accompanied by Orleans Municipal Deputy Jean Pierre Tapiero and two former French victims of Nazi deportation, Maurice Rebillon, of Orleans, and Julien Aubert, of Paris.

They presented documents to German authorities accusing retired German judge Fritz Merdache, who now lives in Koenigsberg, and 55-year-old Miltenberg attorney Ernst Heinrichs of committing war crimes against French Jews during the Nazi occupation. Both were sentenced to death in absentia by post-war French courts. (AP)

Plyushch tells of Soviet mental home horrors

By JACK MAURICE
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PARIS. — A dissident Ukrainian mathematician recently released from almost three years in Soviet mental institutions yesterday described a nightmarish world of excruciatingly painful sulphur injections, beatings and breakdowns.

Leonid Plyushch, who was permitted to leave the Soviet Union after his release from a Dnepropetrovsk institution, addressed his first press conference since reaching Paris last month.

The blue-eyed, balding mathematician looked understandably ill at ease during the 3½-hour confrontation with journalists at a Left Bank hall. But his pupils, dilated when he arrived three weeks ago, had returned to normal size. He talked fluently in Russian without any sign of a stammer.

Plyushch said: "I was considered the most dangerous patient. The male and female nurses were barred from talking to me. The other political internees were warned that if they spoke to me, their situation would get worse. When a nurse began lending me science-fiction books, he was told he was fraternizing with an enemy of the Soviet Union."

Plyushch described scenes of "nurses" beating prisoners to death, of patients writhing in agony after sulphur injections, and of others reduced to eating their own excrement.

"Patients begged the guards to be allowed to go to the toilet. One was beaten up, and the guard later told the doctor the man had tried to hang himself, although this was not true," Plyushch said.

The 35-year-old mathematician was arrested in January 1973 on charges of anti-Soviet agitation. At his trial, Plyushch was declared insane and committed to mental hospitals where he was diagnosed as having "reform-making illusions."

At Dnepropetrovsk — Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev's hometown — Plyushch said he was placed in a ward next to a patient "who had gone completely insane,



Leonid Plyushch

whose face had lost human form and who masturbated all the time.

"Another ward, No. 5, was a veritable bedlam, with patients screaming and yelling, writhing on the floors and fighting for the toilet. Some ate their own excrement. One prisoner smashed a window pane and tried to cut his own throat to end the torture of a sulphur injection."

Plyushch said there were 50 political prisoners in this hospital but that doctors "considered me the most dangerous patient" and separated him from the others. He said he was treated with Haloperidol and Trifluazine which he said were drugs of the depresso type.

"Haloperidol induced a condition of torpor and it became difficult for me to read books. Gradually I lost interest in political matters, then in scientific problems and then even in my wife and children. I became indifferent with great gaps in my memory."

"I became reduced to thinking only of the toilet and bribes for the guards. Their goal was to break the human being, to destroy his powers of resistance," Plyushch said.

Asked about anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, he replied: "It is traditional. After the war it took on the character of a pogrom. Thanks to anti-Zionist propaganda, it has been considerably reinforced. It exists both at government and grass-roots level."

"Everybody knows it is difficult for a Jew to get admission to a university, particularly in the science faculties, or to fill a post involving responsibility. Some of them will be able to leave, but most will have to live in this situation."

Plyushch also made an impassioned appeal for the release of Mustapha Djemilev. He said Djemilev, an activist for the Crimean Tartar minority, is in the seventh month of a hunger strike at a psychiatric hospital in Omsk.

Djemilev, Plyushch said, is a leading activist for Crimean Tartars. His weight is down to less than 80 pounds and force feeding is provoking him to internal bleeding. His relatives are seriously concerned that Djemilev may have died already. (AP)

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Golan 72	8-15	8-11
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Haifa Port 78	12-16	12-15
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B-G Airport 78	12-16	12-15
Jericho 78	12-16	12-15
Gaza 78	12-16	12-15
Beer Sheva 78	12-16	12-15
Eilat 78	12-16	12-15
Tiran Straits 78	12-16	12-15

Social and Personal

The new Belgian ambassador, Jacques G.P. Eggermont, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

The Israel Association of Spokenmen yesterday elected a new executive committee. They are: Micha Gidron, of the Tourism Ministry chairman, Yair Gilboa, of the Information Centre; Avner Michaeli, of the National Insurance Institute; David Neumann, of the Central Bureau of Statistics; Yitzhak Feinberg, of Hadassah Hospital.

Prof. Daniel Rachmilewitz of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital will speak on "New Methods in Diagnosing Diseases of the Digestive Tract" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Rot Hotel at 1 o'clock today.

ARRIVALS

Bunny Adler leading a 25-member UJA Women's Division mission from Miami, Florida.

Peres sees

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Aluf-Mishne Binyamin and Aluf-Mishne Yossi, said they had not had to deal with any terrorist activity in the past few days. However, they were worried by the vacuum created at the border by the Lebanese army evacuation.

The journalists, accompanied by the IDF spokesman, Tal-Atut Dov Sion, saw artillery shelling into Lebanon as they passed one IDF position. The shells, it was explained to them, were fired at terrorists — and this was almost daily concurrence.)

Asked whether he would consider resigning on Prime Minister Rabin's return from the U.S., because of the criticism of his ministry's arms orders by a "senior source" in Mr. Rabin's party, Mr. Peres said he was convinced that his actions would stand up to any criticism. Accordingly, he saw no reason for considering resignation. When the Prime Minister returned, "we shall see exactly who said what," but at this stage Mr. Peres would take no step that would disturb Mr. Rabin's state visit to the U.S.

Commenting further on the state of arms supply, Mr. Peres said that Israel would prefer a quicker flow. Since the Yom Kippur War, the Arab states had received four to five tanks and four aircraft for every one supplied to Israel. The situation left no room for complacency, the minister said.

Cuts in the defence budget had been mainly in areas such as construction and industry, but the standard of living in the IDF and the ministry of defence had also fallen, Mr. Peres said.

KNESSET DEFERS HEARING AMENDMENT

Court ruling due today on flying Yundeffs out

THE SUPREME COURT will decide today whether to order El Al to fly Menahem and Dov Yundeff to their father in Germany.

Justice Moshe Landau was to have decided today on the injunction, requested by the boys' father, Yosef Yundeff of Berlin. But the justices deferred the decision so the case could be heard by a three-man bench this morning.

Counsel for Yosef Yundeff, Dov Yisrael, filed the application after an El Al pilot on Sunday refused to take the children to Frankfurt. Last week a Lufthansa pilot also refused to take them, when they ran wild in the plane.

Yosef Yundeff was awarded custody of his children — Menahem, nine, and Dov, eight — by a German court, pending the outcome of his divorce suit against his wife, Sarah Yundeff. Mrs. Yundeff brought the boys to Israel three years ago and began a battle in the Israeli courts. But the Supreme Court ruled over a year ago — and reiterated its decision last week — that the boys had to be sent back to Germany, in conformity with the ruling of the German court.

The Tel Aviv magistrate charged with execution of the Supreme Court orders, Judge David Bar-Ophir, held almost-continuous meetings yesterday with El Al pilots and company officials. But he failed to get a clear-cut answer on whether they would fly the boys to Germany.

The head of the pilots committee, Gideon Arbel, said the pilots were always ready to execute court orders. But their first responsibility was for the safety of their passengers.

In the Knesset, the controversial amendment to the law concerning

custody of minors which arose out of the Yundeff case did not have its regular first reading yesterday, although it was on the agenda.

The amendment will definitely not come up this week, and it may even be deferred until after the court orders concerning the two boys have been carried out.

This development emerged after the House Committee discussed when the amendment should be debated, at the request of Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. The committee stressed that the order of the Knesset agenda was the Speaker's sole prerogative.

At the same time, it was ready to command — by a clear majority — that the Knesset only discuss the legislation about custody of minors after the Yundeff boys left the country.

Most of the committee members agreed with chairman Ari Ankori's opinion that the Knesset must not interfere with the Supreme Court's considerations and that it need not hurry with regard to the legislation.

Only two, Shoshana (Alignment) and Gola Cohen (Likud), felt the amendment should be read forthwith.

Speaker Yeshayahu said later that, although the amendment would not come up this week, he could not say yet whether it would be deferred till after the boys had left.

The amendment to the Custodianship Law would provide that the welfare of a minor be the determining factor for an Israeli court asked to let that minor leave Israel in conformity with the decision of a foreign court. The bill, tabled last week, was signed by nine MKs from all the large factions.

SARAH YUNDEFF CHARGES:

Court didn't consider my children's welfare

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sarah Yundeff charged yesterday that the Supreme Court did not take the welfare of her children into consideration when it ordered them returned to their father in Germany — nor when it ordered on Monday that they be separated from her.

"This is the epitome of cruelty toward me and the children," she said in a written statement to the press. "It is simply an inquisition."

(The court issued the order separating Dov and Menahem Yundeff from their mother at the request of the Court Execution Office, on the assumption this might make it easier to carry out the earlier order that the boys be flown to Germany. (But the boys and their mother were still together yesterday, despite the court order. They are the guests of the police at the Ne'urim rest home.)

Mrs. Yundeff complained in her signed statement that the Supreme Court had not taken into account affidavits filed by her and by experts concerning the welfare of the children. As to sending to the boys to their father, she said he was engaged in "dubious business activities." Before she left him, she said, he had forced her to work in his Happy End bar into the small hours of the morning.

She said the court had also received an affidavit from a Boston psychologist, Prof. Arye Lotz, dated March 20, 1974, describing the boys' positive adjustment to life in Israel, with their mother's family. Lotz wrote: "I was impressed that they are completely healthy in body mind and (believe) their separation from the mother, uncles and aunts and their total environment will constitute a grave emotional trauma which will damage their development as human beings and as Jews."

(The boys have been living at Moshav Ganot, most recently with the family of one of their mother's

brothers, Yosef Ben-Artzi. Mrs. Yundeff, who suffers from kidney stones, has been in hospital frequently.)

Meanwhile, despite the court order separating her from the boys, Mrs. Yundeff was still at Ne'urim yesterday, where her sons are. Although the rest home is sealed to visitors, including the press, a number of children were allowed in to play with the boys. The young visitors brought a bike, a football and a checkers game with them.

A police officer outside the locked gate told this reporter that the children were feeling fine. The children, on leaving Ne'urim, reported that the policeman assigned to Dohi and Menahem were friendly, patient and courteous, even when the Yundeff boys were impatient.

The police last night firmly denied a report by one of the boys' uncles — who was allowed in to visit his sister and nephews — that Menahem had tried to jump off a one-storey building. The boy, who was stopped by a policeman, reportedly said he was "nervous."

Yosef Ben-Artzi said he had spoken with the boys by telephone and they had said they were homesick and wanted to go back to Gannat Dohi. He reportedly said he and his brother and mother were having trouble sleeping at night, because the policemen were constantly opening and closing the doors to their rooms.

On top of that, Dohi said, the policeman who had been stationed in the boys' room "snored very loudly."

National police spokesman Sgan-Nitzav Shmuel Tzachi said last night the police are weighing the possibility of transferring Dov and Menahem to a foster home — probably in a moshav — if they are not sent to Germany today.



Denmark's all-star soccer team, on arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. The team is here for an exhibition match against Israel's selected.

Back to Jordan curriculum in East Jerusalem schools

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

East Jerusalem's public schools, which changed from a Jordanian to an Israeli curriculum following the Six Day War, will revert in the coming school year to a curriculum virtually identical to the original Jordanian curriculum. The only difference will be an obligation to take two additional courses — Hebrew and civics.

Although a parallel curriculum will also be offered — one identical to that of Israel Arab schools — the overwhelming majority of East Jerusalem's 6,000 junior and senior high school students are expected to follow the "Jordanian" curriculum which will enable them to continue on to universities in Arab countries. "This is a step towards cultural pluralism," said the Education Ministry official in charge of Arab education, Emmanuel Koplevitz, in an interview last night. "We don't want to impose on them something they don't want."

The adoption of the new curriculum marks a virtually complete circle in education policy in East Jerusalem since that part of the city was incorporated into Israel in 1967. The curriculum followed in Israeli Arab schools was substituted that September for the Jordanian curriculum, the feeling being that since East Jerusalem was now part of Israel its education should be no different from Nazareth's.

This policy, however, began to founder within a year when it became evident that East Jerusalem students with an Israeli baccalaureate (matriculation) certificate would not be accepted by the Arab universities to which they traditionally went. The student population of the Rashadiya Boys' High School, for example, which had been one of the principal schools on the West Bank, declined from some 800 to 12 within a couple of years. The students went instead to private schools of varying certificates enabling them to study in Arab universities. (Of some 20,000 East Jerusalem students before the Six Day War, according to Municipality statistics, 60 per cent went to state schools and the remainder to private, Qurwa or church schools.)

In 1969, the Education Ministry offered East Jerusalem's high school students the option of taking courses according to the Jordanian curriculum which would enable them to obtain a Jordanian matriculation certificate. This, however, was in addition to the regular curriculum. Although many students took this option, the additional 6-10 hours a week of classroom study proved a heavy burden.

Two years ago, a "mixed" curriculum was instituted, offering courses taken from both the Israeli Arab and Jordanian curricula and enabling the students to obtain a Jordanian-approved matriculation. Although this reduced the number of classroom hours, Arab educators in East Jerusalem found it unsatisfactory, according to a Ministry source, both because of its content and because they believed the classroom burden still too heavy.

The new "Jordanian" curriculum will mean a reduction of 2-6 hours a week, depending on the class, according to Koplevitz. There will be four to six hours of obligatory Hebrew a week and one hour of civics in which the students study the administrative framework of the Israeli State, including the courts and the Histadrut, but they are not taught Zionism or Jewish history.

The "Jordanian" curriculum is actually the curriculum followed on the West Bank which in turn parallels that in Jordan. The only significant difference is that the textbooks are vetted by the military administration. Those containing material considered as an incitement are reprinted, with the offending material left out. According to Koplevitz, this is rarely found necessary.

The differences between the Jordanian and Israeli Arab curricula are not merely in subject matter — the Jordanians, for instance, give more prominence to statistics and Arab history while Israel gives more prominence to world history — but in the way the subjects are taught and in the textbooks used.

The new curriculum was outlined yesterday to the headmasters of 16 East Jerusalem schools at a meeting in City Hall with Education Ministry and municipality officials.

Two die on roads

ASHERKELON. — A truck driver and a young girl were killed in two road accidents in Sinal and the Gaza Strip yesterday.

Ya'acov Shoshani, 40, was crushed to death when his semi-trailer truck toppled into the roadside ditch, on the Jabel Lami-Bir Lahfan road. The girl, Amal Abu-Jaser of Rafiah, was killed by a local taxi.

Israeli killed in Paris bar

PARIS. — A young Israeli, known to the police as a thief and pimp, was found shot to death outside a bar on the east bank here yesterday. The police said the man, Zvi Hinte, was killed as he left the bar, in the course of an underworld dispute.

IN THE KNESSET

Bid to protect witnesses

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Testimony given by witnesses in a Police station would be acceptable as evidence in Court, for certain specific crimes, in the same way that testimony given by the accused in a Police station is acceptable, under an amendment to the Evidence Ordinance which was voted to the Law Committee on the first reading yesterday. The Likud tried in vain to return the amendment to the Government.

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Free and compulsory education in grade ten will be continued in Jerusalem and development towns where it has already been introduced, according to a law passed in the Knesset on its second and third reading yesterday.

Kashrut labelling

Persons producing or selling foodstuffs which they describe as kosher without possessing a Kashrut certificate will risk a year in jail or a \$12,000 fine, if an Honesty in Kashrut Labelling Law is passed. The law was presented by Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Yitzhak Rabin on the first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

IS is in

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A new Knesset faction came to the parliamentary world yesterday. The House Committee approved the request of Aryeh (Lova) Eliav and Marcia Friedman to call their new faction the Independent Socialist faction, IS. IS broke off from Ya'ad which has meanwhile reverted to its old name CRM (Citizens Rights Movement) and comprises two MKs: Shulamit Aloni and Boaz Moav.

Helping the Chief Rabbis

David Coran (Alignment) suggested in the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday that the friction between the two Chief Rabbis could be reduced by dividing their functions so that there would be no overlapping. He said that while one Rabbi could be responsible for the work of all rabbis, the other could concentrate on the functioning of the religious courts and their decisions (Judges).

At the same session, Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin opposed a proposal to disperse the Supreme Rabbinic Council because of the tension between the two Chief Rabbis. The Minister also said that 162 of the 180 religious local councils have already been formed. Council elections are held every four years.

Municipal and local council taxes may be collected by the Government as a recommendation by the Knesset Interior Committee is carried out. As part of the drive to reform

Radio, TV fees to rise

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The combined radio and television licence for 1976/77 will be increased from its present \$1225 to \$1390, Coalition members in the Knesset Finance Committee decided yesterday at an informal meeting. The Committee will probably vote the increase today.

The Broadcasting Authority wanted the combined licence to be increased to \$1560. However, the Coalition members on the Committee said this 56 per cent increase was out of the question and they plumped for around 28 per cent.

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Mapam fears for Beduin

A reported threat to destroy a Beduin encampment near the town of Yotvata in the Negev has prompted Acting Premier Yigal Alon yesterday in a bid to stay the decree if decrees were passed.

Mapam Secretary-General Meir Taloni told Alon in the Knesset yesterday that bulldozers approached the encampment of Abu Shanar on Monday, in a grove of palms between Yamit and the sea. Taloni said the Beduin feared the bulldozers would obliterate their encampment within a few minutes so they threw themselves on the ground and halted the machines.

Taloni secured assurances from Alon that Premier Yitzhak Rabin's

commitment to Taloni of last week that the Abu Shanar encampment would not be touched before the binet discussed the issue, still good.

Taloni said that yesterday the dozens approached Abu Shanar worked in an area a little from the grove. Alon said he had no intention of representing the Ministry of Defence and of Housing by eliciting similar responses. Meir Taloni (Mapam) yesterday opened a debate on an urgent question about the Abu Shanar encampment, alleging that soldiers had camped the bulldozers in an effort to appropriate the land.

GOVERNMENT MAY COLLECT LOCAL TAXES

The finances of municipalities and local councils, the Government would collect taxes through its revenue department and in turn place them at the disposal of the municipalities and councils at fixed times. Local agencies would be permitted

to raise loans only after consulting with the Government. Government would also see that the accumulated debts of local agencies were repaid. Interior Committee, Chairman Aridor (Likud-Herut) said.

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Police seek 'inside man' in safe deposit robbery

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAT GAN. — Suspicions that there was an inside man in the Mat Gan Barclay's Discount safe robbery mounted yesterday. This followed reports by the police investigating unit set after the weekend robbery that there were no signs that the bank's doors or windows had been jimmied.

The bank remained closed yesterday for the third day as investigators interrogated bank personnel in effort to uncover a lead. The bank will be open for business today.

Despite the suspicions that the robbery might have been executed with the help of an inside man, police have not yet begun giving bank's twenty-five employees detector tests. One police source said that the inside man might well have had no official connection with the bank, but rather acted as a contact between the bank and the thieves.

has still not been established the thieves managed to bypass bank's electrical warning system. Original speculation as to how the thieves entered the bank on Rehov Jabotinsky, centered on mail shack against the side of building which served as "springboard" for the thieves to reach an air conditioner on the second floor. It was either removed from the

inside or pushed inward allowing the thieves entrance into the building. From the second floor, the thieves then descended to the basement of the building where the safe deposit box vault was located. Blasting through a 20 centimeter wall, the thieves made a small hole. Entering the vault, they began opening the safe deposit boxes; apparently interested only in money and spilling stamps, stock certificates and jewellery on the floor.

A police official told *The Jerusalem Post* that more individuals are coming forward and presenting the police with information about the contents of their safe deposit boxes. By Monday only 25 had come to the police. Yesterday the police reported some 135 individuals had turned to the police. Two hundred boxes were broken into and rough estimates place the loot the thieves got away with at several millions of pounds.

Much of this money is suspected of being "black," thus the hesitation among safe deposit box renters in complaining to the police. The police are still debating whether to grant immunity to those who do present an accurate list of the contents of their safe deposit boxes.

A meeting of all those whose safe deposit boxes were stolen is scheduled for Thursday. The bank has disclaimed any financial responsibility for the contents of the safe deposit boxes and accordingly some of those who had boxes are considering taking steps against the bank.

Couples in T.A. too choosy' for 600 vacant flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Despite the persistent complaints of young couples over lack of suitable low-cost housing, the Municipality here claims they are "too choosy" for the 600 flats available for them in southern Tel Aviv.

Of these flats, 492 are for rent on favourable terms. But the Municipality says the couples apparently do not like the neighbourhood and are waiting for comparable apartments at worse terms in north Tel Aviv.

According to a report by Deputy Mayor Pines, who is in charge of the municipal housing portfolio, the city has invested IL60m. in these flats.

he report states that in a recent campaign for 200 flats, 80 people applied. Tenants offered five-year leases for a payment of IL10,000 which is settled in a special bank account.

The money, which is returned, along with interest on the lease, expires in 1980. Cost-of-living index tenants pay only IL200 monthly, for sep.

here are no buyers for the other 100, for sale at IL130,000, the municipality reports.

IL250m. spent this year on deprived pupils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MAT GAN. — The Education Ministry will spend IL250m. this year to help culturally deprived youngsters advance in scholastic achievement, Minister Aharon Yisraeli said yesterday.

Speaking at Bar-Ilan University, a symposium on disadvantaged children in the state-religious school system, Yisraeli said the various special education programmes now cost about 25 per cent of the state's underprivileged youngsters, in 28 localities — 24 development towns, and slum areas in four cities.

he money goes to finance special programmes, extra-curricular activities, head-start projects for school children, and reductions in tuition fees.

Liberzon in close race with Parma

By ELIAHU SHANAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Israeli chess champion, international grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon, is engaged in a close race with Yugoslavia's Bruno Parma to get the coveted entry ticket to the international tournament. Liberzon and Parma tied second in the Reykjavik zonal tournament and are holding a play-off match in Athens, the winner of which will qualify for the next stage of the world championship preliminaries.

After eight games, each player had one victory and the rest were drawn. According to the regulations, the match was to continue until the first decisive game. But, an unconfirmed report said, the two have agreed to toss a coin and determine the winner in this unorthodox manner.

In the Wijk Holland, international tournament which ended on Friday, Yugoslavia's young grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic and Iceland's Frederik Olafsson tied first in the grandmasters' section with 7½ points out of 11 games. There followed: Tal and Kuznetsov 6½, Andersson, Dvoretsky and Reshevsky 5½, and Smyslov 5.

In the masters' section, too, there was a tie for first place between England's Robert Bellin and Yugoslavia's Yuri Nikolic, with 8 points out of 11 games. Mrs. Alla Kushnir, the only woman player in the event, tied last (with Holland's Joet Marcus, scoring only two points).

Mrs. Kushnir, formerly of the Soviet Union and thrice a contender for the women's world title, now resides in Israel. She did very well in the 1975 Lone Pine, California, international tournament, scoring 50 per cent, but she has been decidedly out of form in the present event.

WELFARE MINISTER Zevulun Hammer asked the country's universities yesterday to exempt their social work courses from the effects of budget cuts. He said any aggravation of the current shortage of trained social workers would seriously harm services to the underprivileged.

LOTTO. — The winning six numbers in the "Lotto" draw are: 06, 07, 22, 23, 26 and 32. The additional number was 13.



Soviets impose new tax on Jewish emigrants

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Soviets have found an original method to recoup losses they might have incurred by having lowered the cost of an exit permit from 900 to 800 rubles per person from the age of 16 and up.

They have now decided to impose a very high tax on any books published prior to 1964 which any immigrant would have to take with them. This was reliably reported here yesterday.

According to these new Soviet standards all pre-1964 publications have now entered the antiquary category.

Although exact figures regarding the new tax were not yet available, informed circles told *The Jerusalem Post* that the tax is considerable and could have the effect of making the cost of leaving the USSR even more exorbitant than it now is.

The new tax is seen as having been especially devised for Jews in mind, because there is hardly a Jewish immigrant who does not leave the Soviet Union with a considerable number of books.

Taxes had existed on antique volumes, but such books were hardly ever brought here. The new tax will make it very difficult for scientists for example to bring even their own research publications between them if these are more than a dozen years old.

The costs involved are considerable if one remembers that for the renunciation of Soviet citizenship one must pay 100 rubles.

Union dispute stalls Zim freighter

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim freighter *Tevya* was prevented by her crew from sailing from Haifa to the Far East yesterday when the two seamen's unions blaming each other for the action.

The Officers Union claimed that the ratings refused to sail because her recently-appointed captain, Amnon Tadmor, had refused to sanction what he considered a "protection racket" arrangement by which the ratings received a "waiver bonus" for permitting a contractor to clean the hatches.

The Rating Union claimed that the officers held up the ship because they were dissatisfied with the fines of IL200 and IL80 imposed by the Transport Ministry on the bosun and chief officer, respectively, for disciplinary offences on the last trip.

The officers, however, said that they had appealed the leniency of the sentence and, as a result, the

and for the acquisition of an exit visa each person over 16 still has to pay 800 rubles. According to the Soviets' own statistics, the average monthly salary in the USSR is some 100 rubles, of which only about five per cent can be saved. At this rate, it would take a family with one breadwinner and four persons over the age of 16 some 16 years to save up enough money just to be able to leave the USSR.

This makes the 100 ruble discount somewhat meaningless and it is regarded here as a ploy to take some of the steam out of the upcoming Brussels conference on Soviet Jewry. Other steps to achieve the same aim are the exit permits the Soviets are granting lately to a number of well-known activists, among them Israel Varnavsky and Lev Zisgrum of Leningrad and Leonid Koshavoy, Lev Karp and Isak Dymshits of Moscow.

In other news from the USSR it is reported that Prof. Benjamin Levich, and the participants of a Moscow seminar for dismissed Jewish scientists which he leads, have all been threatened with letters warning them that it is well known that they are "traitors," that "the hour of reckoning is near at hand" and that "revenge will not be late in coming."

Prof. Levich's seminar is devoted to theoretical physics and mathematics. Among its participants are such well-known "refuseniks" as Prof. Mark Azbel, Prof. Simon Alper, Prof. Benjamin Fain and Alexander Godtand.

Two men had been ordered to stay in Israel for a review of the case. The ratings refused to agree to their men staying behind, it was reported. Zim announced it would abide by the ruling of the Transport Ministry in the dispute.

Kafr Kanna rivals unite

KAFR KANNA. — Rival Candidates for chairman of the Local Council announced here yesterday that they had reached agreement to share the post. As a result the second round in the election for the post has been cancelled.

The agreement may indicate an end to the longstanding rivalry between the Khalaf and Amara clans, which has in the past led to bloodshed in the village.

Candidates Khalil Talal Awawdeh, of the Khalaf clan, and Muhammad Salim Amara agreed to divide the four-year tenure of the chairmanship into two periods of two years each.

Moscow activists appeal to Marchais

MOSCOW. — Soviet Jews who have been denied permission to emigrate have issued a new appeal for support of their cause from the French Communist Party on the eve of its congress.

An open letter, signed by 29 "refuseniks" from five Soviet cities, called on the French Communists to follow up a recent pledge to work for democracy by protesting Soviet treatment of those who want to leave this country.

Jewish activists and other dissidents here have seized on indications from the French and Italian Communists that their parties will follow a course independent of Moscow and concern themselves with humanitarian issues in the Socialist world.

The letter released to Western correspondents yesterday singled out a remark by French Communist Party leader Georges Marchais that "Socialism is Freedom."

"If you want to associate the word 'Socialism' with the word 'Freedom,' but not with the practice of slavery, then express an unambiguous and decisive protest against the treatment of those who are chained to the soil — serfs," said the letter.

"Even such reactionary regimes like Czarist Russia and Francoist Spain did not ban emigration," the Jews wrote.

The activists repeated their contention that the official reason given for refusing them visas — that they hold state secrets — is no more than a pretext.

The letter was signed by a number of scientists, including mathematician Alexander Lerner and cyberneticist Viktor Brallovsky. The signatories come from Moscow, Minsk, Kishinev, Odessa and Tbilisi.

Joint c'ttee can't decide on rate of subsidies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The joint Government Histadrut committee on subsidies has made some progress toward closing the gap between the positions of the Treasury and the labour federation on this delicate subject. But the final decision on the rate of subsidies will be left up to the Finance Minister and the Histadrut Secretary-General.

The committee members decided to refer the decision to their superiors after they failed to reach agreement. But it is believed the committee agreed that all subsidized commodities should carry the same rate of subsidy. (Until now this rate has varied from product to product.)

The committee reportedly managed to reach agreement on the list of products to be subsidized. The Histadrut agreed to take carp, rice and flour off the list; and the Government agreed to leave sugar and meat (which it had intended to drop) on the list of commodities eligible for Government subsidy.

(At present, however, sugar is not subsidized, since it is sold in Israel at considerably above the world market price.)

The Histadrut wants the subsidy rate to be based on a total subsidy budget of IL2,500m. for 1976. The Treasury says this budget cannot total more than IL1,600m. With this gap still very real, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Histadrut chief Yehoram Meshel will have to thrash out the subsidy rate between them.

President opens 'march of prutot' for ILAN

TEL AVIV. — The annual "march of prutot" in aid of ILAN, the Israeli Foundation for crippled children, was officially opened by President Katzir yesterday.

The ceremony, in which the President and his wife participated together with Tel Aviv's Mayor Shlomo Lahat, was held at the foundation's kindergarten and primary school "On." At this school children suffering from cerebral palsy receive physiotherapy, occupational therapy and treatment for communication disorders.

President Katzir spoke to some of the children, and expressed his admiration at their progress.

The President and his party also visited the ILAN occupational training centre, where cerebral palsy sufferers are employed manufacturing parts for various industries.

The "march of prutot" takes place on February 16th. (Itm)

Judges sworn in

Two new District Court judges were sworn in on Monday by President Ephraim Katzir.

Moshe Cohen and Malchiel Solotky are the new judges. The ceremony was also attended by Justice Minister Haim Zadok and the Director of Courts, Judge Moshe Nacht.

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IN BRIEF

Hot lunches for all grade school pupils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hot school lunches for all elementary pupils would be financed from part of the 2.5 per cent increase in National Insurance premiums approved by the Government, according to a motion for the agenda tabled in the Knesset.

David Levi, MK (Likud), said Monday that, in its present form, the hot-lunch programme had stigmatized children of poor families. Only about a quarter of all pupils now take part in the programme, and many who should be helped by it are not reached, he said.

Labour Minister Moshe Baran approved Levi's motion and said consultations on implementing the programme would start soon.

City official jailed for taking bribes

HAIFA. — A Haifa municipal engineer was sentenced on Monday to 18 months in prison and fined IL10,000 for accepting bribes.

Dov Ben-Asher, 53, who worked in the building municipal department in 1972/73, admitted he'd taken IL4,500 in bribes from three contractors building kindergartens for the city. One contractor gave him IL10. (Itm)

Druse split over third court judge

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A group of Druse notables has asked the Prime Minister not to appoint a third religious court judge, saying the court could function just as well with only two judges. They specifically object to the rumoured candidate, Sheikh Kamal Tarif. He is the son of the former judge, Sheikh Salim Tarif, who retired several years ago. The son is not suited to succeed his father, the Druse say.

Other Druse disagree, however, and are pressing for the appointment of a third man to the bench.

Miles readies dextrose plant

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Miles, Israel has nearly completed construction of a plant which will produce dextrose, to replace sugar as a raw material. The firm's general manager, Yosef Mizrahi, said yesterday the new plant will be operating by the end of this month.

Miles has been using sugar as a raw material in its citric acid factory. But it decided shortly before the November 1974 devaluation when the local price of sugar was nearly trebled to replace the high-priced commodity.

The IL33m. plant will produce dextrose from flour and will supply all the factory's needs. As a by-product it will produce gluten, used in the food industry, which will also be exported.

Income tax break for approved enterprises

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

Approved enterprises will pay income tax of 40 per cent, as from April 1, slightly less than they pay now. If they distribute dividends, total will be 49 per cent. (This tally is aimed to encourage reinvestment of profits.) This decision, approved by Ministers Rabinowitz (Finance) and Bar-Lev (Commerce Industry) on Monday evening, is presented to the Cabinet for approval next Sunday.

The "special" grant will go to exporters, being proportionate to the sales achieved. Exact figures are yet to be determined, but, according to Amos Mar-Haim, Assistant-General in the Commerce Ministry, the grant is likely to be 25 per cent for a firm exporting all its production, ranging down to 5 per cent for those who export one-fifth.

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* last night, Mar-Haim stressed that the grant will be based on exports actually recorded, not export commitments; and it will be spread over a four-year period. This reduces the immediate value of the 25 per cent grant to something like 10 per cent, and that of the 5 per cent grant to two per cent.

On the other hand there is another benefit — accelerated depreciation. Instead of a four-year depreciation period for locally-bought equipment and six years for the imported variety, all may be amortized in two years.

Assuming the new regulations are approved, the situation for approved investments as from April 1 will be as follows:

- No indirect tax (whether customs or sales tax) on capital goods.
- Grant-plus-loan from the Government covering 70 per cent of the investment in "A" Development Areas, 60 per cent in "B" areas, and 45 per cent in the rest of the country.
- A special investment grant for exporters.
- Corporation-plus-income tax of 40 per cent (49 per cent if dividends are distributed).
- A two-year depreciation period.

The new measure has been received with reservations by the country's industrialists. Questioned by *The Post* last night, Avraham Shavit, President of the Manufacturers Association, observed, "It doesn't really improve the existing situation. Our present law took 10 years to develop. It would have been better to let it stand for another year, and see whether investments are increasing."

"Frankly, I think they will not increase — proving that the change, once it came, should have been distinctly for the better," Mr. Shavit would like to see a 40 per cent tax ceiling (including the tax on dividends).

Egged's IL50m. loan delayed by sanctions

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged has not yet received its IL50m. loan from the Government because of sanctions — this time at the Ministry of Finance.

Egged spokesman, Gideon Talmor, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that every time bus cooperative officials called the Ministry about the loan, they got an answer from the telephone operator that the workers were on sanction. The operator then hung up the phone.

The IL50m. loan is to cover Egged operation costs and also to pay December wages to mem-

bers and employees. The wages were due on January 15. In another 11 days, the January pay slip will be due.

The Government had promised to loan Egged the IL50m. yesterday after the cooperative had deposited their shares in Egged subsidiaries in a bank as requested by the Government.

Since Egged has not yet received the loan, it is believed that this will harm efforts to persuade members of the cooperative to transfer their personal shares in Egged subsidiaries to management as requested by the Golomb committee.

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Grim mood as Winter Olympics begin

By WILL GRIMSLEY

INNSBRUCK. — The spectre of Munich's "Black September 6" hangs over the 12th Winter Olympic games like a heavy cloud.

At the entrance to the Olympic village, housing more than 1,000 athletes plus administrative and coaching personnel, a heavy man in khaki and black boots walks back and forth, a Tommy gun slung over his shoulder.

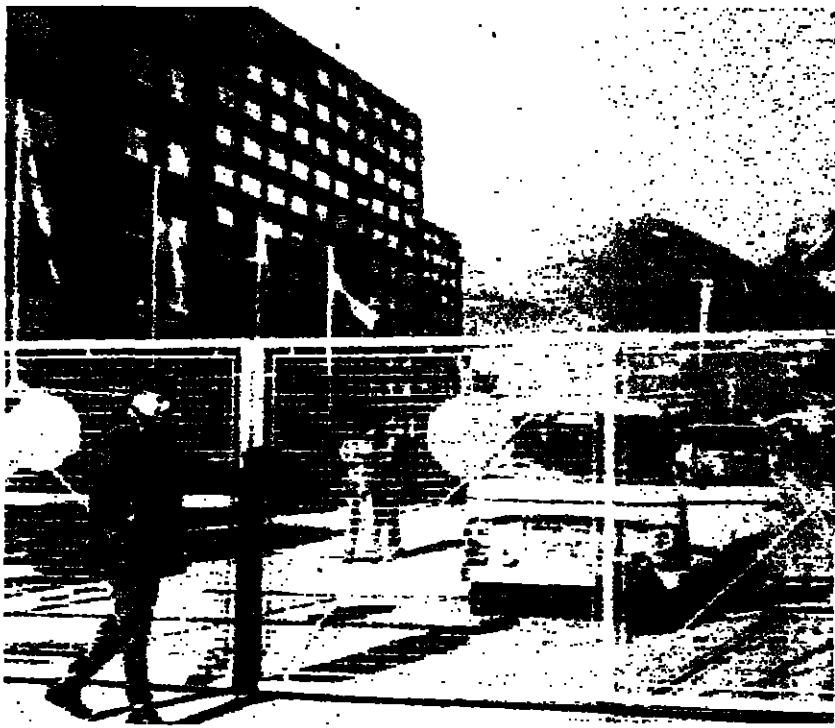
German police dogs, in leashes, growl surlily. Everywhere one looks there are clusters of uniformed security guards — city police in dark blue, gendarmes in gray and the army in olive drab much like American GIs. Guns glint in the bright sun.

Even more unsettling are those men you don't know, are there the scores of plainclothes personnel casually blending with the rest of the scene, some attired in the apparel of athletes, others masquerading as ordinary visitors.

The world's big ice and snow festival is gliding for today's grand opening. The mood should be one of gaiety and camaraderie. Instead, it is grim and uneasy.

Austria's stringent safeguards, 5,000 security police — two for every visitor connected with the games — have added a sombre note and not a small amount of discomfort to the normally happy festival.

The hosts have been inflexible and stern in their preventive measures,



Entrance gates to the Olympic Village in Innsbruck are guarded by armed policemen. (AP radiophoto)

but efficient, and from most athletes and visitors they have drawn thanks instead of complaints.

"I think they're doing great," commented Carlo Fassi of Denver, Colorado, coach of two of the figure-skating favorites, America's Dorothy Hamill in the women's competition and England's John Curry in the men's. "I much prefer this tight security to what happened at Munich."

It is the memory of this tragedy in the fun-loving Bavarian capital, less than 160 km. away, that has galvanized Austrian authorities into taking such drastic precautionary steps. The traditional Olympic flame was brought to the city on Sunday and planted temporarily in the wedding hall of a historic building, fanned for a golden-roofed balcony where Maximilian I looked down on troubadours in the 1400s.

While church bells tolled in the

distance and a costumed Tyrolean band played native music, Dr. Alois Lagger, the mayor, presided over a bit of colourful pageantry that no one — townspeople, visitors or the news media — could see well enough to appreciate.

Cordons of policemen — in gray jackets and black boots — formed a wall of iron around the plaza, keeping everyone at a safe distance.

Every athlete, team official and member of the press is appropriately tagged — not once but several times. Soldiers are doing the chauffeuring and other jobs. Persons must run a gauntlet of security personnel in entering and leaving the village as well as the training venues. Bags of equipment — skis, skates and other gear — are subjected to repeated search. But the snow is white and the ice is like crystal, and everybody's keeping their fingers crossed.

'Arabs sure they'll finish Israel off next time'

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A gloomy report on impending developments in the Middle East emerges from conversations with British visitors who recently returned from Arab capitals in the "confrontation" countries.

These visitors, mostly British politicians who engaged in frank discussions with their Arab hosts, prefer to remain anonymous when conveying the gist of their talks. But they all come to similar conclusions and report a similar trend observed in their visits.

They say Arab spokesmen in Baghdad and Damascus are fully convinced that the national morale in Israel has suffered an irreparable blow from the Yom Kippur War's initial setback. The English visitors found no readiness whatsoever to accept the existence of a viable Jewish state in its present form. In their travels throughout Syria and Iraq they noticed large signs urging the populace: "Never forget the struggle of our Palestinian brethren."

While they found un concealed mutual hatred between the Ba'th party rulers of both countries, the British visitors found everywhere a general acceptance of the PLO propaganda line that the "Zionist entity is ripe for collapse." Their hosts fully believe that in the next war, when it comes, Israel will be overcome. The Arabs are so convinced of the internal disintegration of the "Zionist entity," that they are beginning to convince themselves that they can easily finish off Israel next time.

One of the sources, who met the men at the top in both capitals, was particularly depressed and feared that another war might be more imminent than Western experts believe at present.

They found a similarly overwhelming confidence among the PLO leaders whom they met. They heard the usual propaganda line of the "withering away of the Zionist entity," which the PLO men sought to support by quoting at length from Israeli — politicians, university lecturers and journalists — who speak of an accommodation with the PLO or of "Palestinian rights."

Another interesting story brought back from the Middle East, supposedly originating with a Soviet diplomat at a cocktail party, was one of a Syrian Christian, a Syrian take-over of Lebanon. This was given its final approval when Secretary of State Henry Kissinger sent his assistant Alfred Atherton to Damascus a few months ago.

This version of events says the Russians believe that just as Kissinger "seduced" Assad away from them by pressuring Israel to hand over the Sinai oilfields and passes, so he managed to tempt Assad from the Soviet embrace by handing over the Lebanese Christians, any bringing the Ba'thists nearer to their dream of a "Greater Syria."

One of the sources said: "It does sound like something Kissinger would think up."

The U.S. State Department statement praising Syria's "constructive role" in Lebanon has only confirmed his belief in the veracity of this story. It was further supported by the vacillating attitude of the Israeli Government towards the Syrian takeover.

'Egypt would support devil to end blood-letting' Sadat: War not over in Lebanon

CAIRO. — Lebanon faces the prospect of more all-out fighting despite the latest cease-fire there, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was quoted as saying yesterday.

In an interview with the Lebanese weekly magazine "Al-Hawadith," published by the Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram," the Egyptian leader said his country was prepared to support even the devil himself to end the blood-letting in Lebanon.

But he added: "I said four months ago that the Arabs would face a tragedy in Lebanon which could even be more tragic than the establishment of the State of Israel."

"Now I say that the tragedy in Lebanon is only just beginning."

Sadat said he supported the Syrian initiative which helped bring about the current cease-fire in Lebanon. But he said he was also aware "of the tactics to transfer the Lebanese crisis into a conflict between the Christians and the Moslems."

He did not elaborate, but said once the Lebanese crisis was finally resolved, he would expose certain facts to the world.

During the interview, Sadat said he supported a union including Syria, Jordan and the PLO but strongly opposed the inclusion of Lebanon.

"If there is such a plan, it is both wrong and

dangerous," he said. If Lebanon were forced such a union, it would only be because it could express its real views, he said.

The Egyptian President said the Syrians turned the recent civil war in Lebanon by supplying the combatants, although the Lebanese were looking after their personal interests.

Sadat said that he had tacit agreement from U.S. to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Sadat said he had "more than a pledge from U.S. to recognize the PLO, but I am not in a position to reveal it."

Egypt would continue political efforts to solve Middle East crisis until it was proved that there was a diplomatic solution was exhausted, he said.

Egypt's return to a military solution would be logical, natural and acceptable by the world opinion, he said.

Military preparations were underway, "or at least why did I visit Britain and agree on a number of arms deals and why did I visit France and agree on arms deals?" he asked.

Egypt agreed last year to buy French Mirage and some military helicopters from Britain, and chases of the Anglo-French Jaguar fighter plane under consideration.

Egypt ready to mediate dispute

By JUDITH KIPFER

CAIRO. — Maintaining his stand that nothing can be done without the consent of all the parties, President Anwar Sadat has indicated in mediation efforts toward a final solution of the Lebanese civil war.

Egypt does not object in principle to an Arab summit to consider the Lebanese situation, provided it is preceded by high-level contacts with the Lebanese, Palestinians and especially Syria to assure positive results. Damascus opposes an Arab summit which by its very nature would indicate a degree of rapprochement with Cairo.

"The problem" an Egyptian source contends, "is that the trust between Sadat and Assad is broken — probably for good."

Officials here believe Syria is still working towards diminishing the Egyptian role in Middle East peace efforts, while proving to the U.S. that Syria cannot be taken for granted.

"Syria is looking for an external

ing material support to right Palestinian victory which is considered a Soviet triumph in the region. For King Hussein, a duel with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, but Saudi Arabia appears playing both sides to contain radical elements."

There is little hope in Egyptian capital that the mediation efforts will actually end a lasting cease-fire, but expect direct Syrian intervention in Lebanon.

A senior Egyptian official said that in spite of the Egyptian President's influence in Lebanon, the crisis would not stand in appropriate diplomatic contacts make our position clear, it becomes necessary, as a last resort to send in a United Arab Emirates Egyptian troops to the fighting and get the situation under control," the official said.

Cairo believes that the U.S., Jordan and Saudi Arabia are supply-

Western oil firms blamed for Iran deficit

TEHRAN. — Iranian Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoveida presented parliament yesterday with the oil-rich nation's first deficit budget in six years and blamed the deficit on alleged violations of oil sales agreements by Western oil firms.

The \$45b. budget includes a deficit of \$2.4b. Economic development accounted for 27.8 per cent of national spending and defence, 27.2 per cent.

Hoveida blamed Western oil com-

panies for a \$3b. drop in oil revenues. "Minister of State for Planning and Budget Dr. Abdolmajid Majidi warned the Western oil companies that 'Iran will take care of its oil marketing' if current negotiations between Iran and the oil consortium fail to reach an agreement to increase oil export to the promised 4.9 million barrels per day."

SMOKE BOMBS. — Combating labour disorders and strikes in the central city of Valladolid, Spanish police used smoke bombs to disperse some 2,000 workers on Monday.

Call for Cairo parley on Sahara

CAIRO. — Egypt has called for an urgent meeting in Cairo between the Moroccan, Algerian and Egyptian Foreign Ministers as part of a plan to break the deadlock in the Sahara dispute. "Al-Ahram" newspaper said yesterday.

The paper quoted an Egyptian official as saying that the plan called on the two North African states to accept an immediate cease-fire, and to meet at Foreign Minister level within 48 hours.

There would then follow a tripartite summit attended by Morocco's King Hassan, Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, "Al-Ahram" said.

There was no announcement from either Algeria or Morocco, but an Algerian newspaper said little optimism yesterday about the results of Arab mediation.

However, both Algeria and Morocco have indicated that the could play a significant role in dispute over the Western Sahara where Moroccan and Algerian forces clashed last week.

Indira asks parliament extension

NEW DELHI. — The government of India yesterday formally requested a postponement of elections and a one-year extension of parliament — a move opposition legislators said would destroy the government's legitimacy.

The normal five-year term of the present house expires on March 18, but the constitution provides for extending the term year by year "while a proclamation of emergency is in operation."

The extension, in the form of a bill which parliament is certain to approve, will also have the effect of keeping Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in power another year. Mrs. Gandhi announced at a convention of her ruling Congress Party in December she would postpone the national elections by one year because of the national emergency, which she declared 18 months ago.

Opposition spokesmen called the government move "undemocratic" and Eusebio Dessequeira of the Lok Dal Party said: "I do not go to the polls on Monday because the government will lose its majority."

Dessequeira said: "The flame of freedom is flickering and it may go out any time."

Meanwhile, the Indian government said yesterday that 27 separate charges against the administration of the Tamil state had been accepted for investigation by a commission of inquiry.

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Soviets, Third World glad Moynihan quit

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union said yesterday that Daniel Moynihan had won "most scandalous notoriety" as a U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and his resignation was no surprise. It questioned, however, whether U.S. policy at the UN would change.

Igor Orlov, a senior commentator for the official Tass news agency, said "Moynihan failed to realize the atmosphere at the UN has substantially changed over the years — and that the times when gross pressure and arm-twisting made it possible to knock together a majority obedient to the U.S. have gone, never to return."

Claiming that Moynihan was "increasingly criticized both inside the U.S. and beyond it," Tass said the ambassador had won "most scandalous notoriety for his forceful defence of Zionism" and his attacks on nations who supported the Zionism-equals-racism resolution.

In Manila, Third World government ministers at a conference welcomed the news that Moynihan had resigned.

"It is about time that Moynihan left the UN," said an East European delegate.

"That is very good news," said Naim Khader, chief delegate of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

An Asian observer said Moynihan's presence at the world body was furthering "the deterioration of American relations with the Third World."

Egyptian officials yesterday declined comment on Moynihan's resignation, but well-informed sources welcomed the news. The officials said the matter was an internal U.S. affair. But the sources said Moynihan had used his post "to promote his own political objectives," and had understood the problems neither of non-aligned countries nor the Palestinians.

His support of American Jews and Israel was intended to promote his reported desire to run for a Senate seat in New York, they said.

In Moynihan's own country, the resignation revived charges that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was forcing those who disagree with his policies to leave the Administration.

Senator Henry Jackson, a Democratic presidential candidate, said Moynihan "typifies the strength and character and independence of mind which we expect from our public officials — but which the Ford Administration seems unable to

tolerate." He cited as examples the firing of former Central Intelligence Agency director William Colby and former Defence Secretary James Schlesinger.

In Los Angeles, Kissinger again denied that Moynihan resigned because of lack of State Department support.

"He carried out our policies and he had our full support," Kissinger told local industrialists on Monday night, a few hours after Moynihan's resignation was announced by the White House.

He said the same policies would be carried out by Moynihan's successor. "But as there is only one Pat Moynihan, with less flamboyance and verve."

Moynihan will resume teaching at Harvard University, but will keep an eye on a U.S. Senate seat from New York State when he leaves his UN post at the end of this month, after months as U.S. ambassador.

(AP, UPI, Reuters)

Cyprus coup leader to be charged

NICOSIA. — Nicos Sampson, president of Cyprus for eight days in July 1974, after a coup which temporarily ousted Archbishop Makarios, is to be prosecuted for his participation in the coup, and for his "illegal assumption" of the presidency, an official statement said. Sampson was an Eoka guerrilla leader in the Cypriot independence struggle in the 1950's. He was once sentenced to death by the British. He now edits a right-wing daily newspaper.

Official sources said Sampson had already been interviewed by the police and had made a statement to them.

I'd like to know!

The customer asks—Tnuva answers:

Just How Long Do Milk Products Stand In The Shop Refrigerator?

A day, two days, a week? This question has always bothered the customer coming to buy milk products. For about a year now, the Ministry of Health has required food manufacturers to mark packaging with the marketing date.

As a food manufacturer, Tnuva does of course fulfil this obligation. The place of marketing differs between different products, as can be seen from the illustration:

Raz, Eshel, Gil, Shamenet, Yogurt — are marked on the lid. The cheeses Savron, White Lean (Lavana Kehusha), White Fat (Lavana Shmeina), the various types of Priqurt, Prili — on the bottom of the carton.

Milk — on the bag, and Revion — on the carton. Customers ask Tnuva many questions on this subject. Some people are surprised that Tnuva finds it difficult to observe this regulation, and is even sometimes prosecuted by the Food Service.

To make the situation clear, we set out a few basic facts:

- * The quality of a fresh product is dependent on its being kept under appropriate storage conditions during marketing and in the home of the consumer.
- * The actual marking of the date on a product cannot improve the quality of the fresh product, and the only object of marking is to indicate the last date on which it can be sold by the shop.
- * At any one time, Tnuva operates 75 packing machines at dairies in the various cities, and two sometimes three shifts are worked.
- * The machines are between 5 and 12 years old.
- * Some of the machines were bought in Europe at a time when the obligation to mark the date had not been introduced, and we were therefore subsequently forced to modify these machines. The improvised arrangement does not always perform as it should.
- * All new equipment is fitted with reliable devices for printing the date.
- * Every year, Tnuva dairies produce nearly one thousand million packaged items.

So much for the facts.

If you consider these facts carefully, you will certainly agree that even a company with absolutely no objection to marking the date would find it difficult to achieve 100% accuracy in carrying out this obligation. We have to contend with the enormous quantities, the fact that some of the packaging material is wet and does not absorb the marking, that the mechanical equipment is complex and liable to break down, that the operator will not always notice a breakdown immediately, etc. etc.

And sometimes it happens that, during production, a marking device stops down, and the production manager is faced with a dilemma: to break the machine and cause a shortage of the product concerned, or to continue and risk a prosecution. There is no unambiguous solution to this problem; it is difficult to decide which situation is more serious for the customer — the supply of a product without date mark, or the nonsupply of the product.

Perhaps someone wants to ask — why don't we replace all our old equipment with new? Our answer is that we cannot justify the scrapping of dozens of machines that still work well, which cost tens of millions of pounds in foreign currency, and their replacement by new machines that would cost tens of millions of dollars. In the present financial situation of the country and of Tnuva, such an investment can only be described as fantastic.

We are not suggesting that any official body is interested in prosecuting us without due consideration. And it is not our intention to propose that laws and regulations be disregarded. However, some solution to the problem must be found — a solution that will take into account all aspects of the problem — the state of the equipment, the human factor, the percentage of infringements and absolutely last of all, the consumer's essential interests.

The alternative is to ignore these factors completely and to make prosecutions wholesale, which must result in "throwing away the baby with the bathwater."



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FIFTH PAGE

WHEN THE UNITED STATES, trickling out into the rest of the world, there is a sudden fountain of lies about the late President John Kennedy. They make him out not to have been unfaithful to his present Mrs. Onassis, but to have been a prodigious sexual rascal.

Washington is not a gossip city. In their various capitals, the gossip. The French intrigue. Germans talk money and the Americans talk politics.

Can remember that at the time Kennedy grappled with Nixon the Presidency, there was some used and not-at-all malicious lip about Kennedy. It was said his marriage had been saved by chance of becoming President. It said that the Secret Service, which has to guard Presidential candidates as well as Presidents — even — had sometimes to keep night outside houses that were not And no one among the Press bothered to check on those houses and no one, as far as I can remember, tried to publish them. The formidable and easily outraged and proud-as-the-devil ladies of Washington press corps left it to Kennedy.

had certain attributes work in Europe but which are not in the United States. He was arrogant, fastidious, put on an intellectualism. He was a deal better looking than the allied well worn President of the United States. He was also an earnest, but wisely and swiftly turned to the bosom of Holy when the Presidency loomed. It would have been more costly to have been an apostate than a nationalist. He was a realist: all the silly were — or are — hard

realists which means that he was an effective politician. JFK the Senate was only a gong stone and he regarded a mediocre Senator. All his drive was directed at the presidency. It would not be surprising if the same urgency directed needs of his body. That is surprising, however, is the



Kennedy — the family man

The assassination of the Kennedy legend

PATRICK O'DONOVAN / LONDON

extent of the revelations and the interest and controversy they have caused. There is hardly an English king until recent times who was not touched by scandal — from Richard Coeur de Lion, who was a ferocious homosexual, to George IV, who had the morals of a spilt stool, to Edward VII, who was an accomplished and portly lecher and was positively admired for it.

It is financial rather than sexual scandal that shakes the Americans. It is true that the great Jefferson

kept a black slave as a mistress. General Grant drank. President Warren Gamaliel Harding was found in a broom cupboard with a White House maid and it is about all that he is remembered for. But all these men, Kings and Presidents, have weathered their sins — on earth at least — and the scandals are either incidental or entertaining.

IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN that this sudden and rather odious concentration on JFK is a conspiracy to

darken the family name and to make Senator Edward Kennedy's possible candidature for the Presidency even more difficult — even though he already has two strikes against him and I will leave it at that. You would have to be a believer in the conspiratorial theory of history to take that one. Some of the new-old stories appeared by chance, some came from friends, some from hacks on the scent of money, some from reporters released by time from old loyalties.

But Kennedy, after the bliss of that terrible assassination, was by now ripe for the business of debunking. They had called his court Camelot because his Presidency had an image of courtly grace. It was graceful and intellectual and amusing. Canals played the cello in the White House and the best English talker, Sir Isaiah Berlin, lectured there. The best journalists were his friends.

Suddenly, after the long, still, hot and humid afternoon of the Eisenhower Presidency, the United States was back in its favourite place, on the edge of some new, and exciting, though ill-defined frontier. I cannot think of any death that, at the time, touched the hearts of so many people as did his.

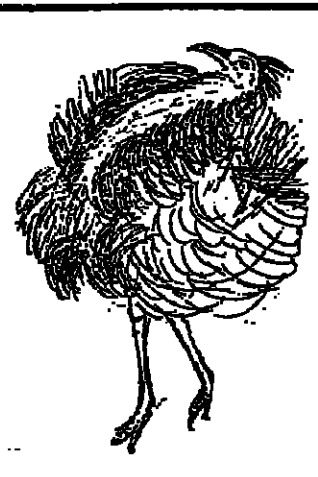
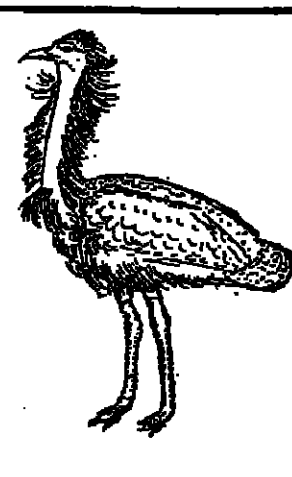
Such reputations are never left to rest in peace. Perhaps the posthumous adulation was excessive. But after a short time, such people are usually reconsidered and invariably for the worse. And then when this ritual desecration is over, the serious business of historical appraisal can begin.

President Kennedy was the most obvious target for this treatment. It will not much affect the verdict of history on him, and, anyway, history never gives a final verdict.

I do not think it is an orchestrated attack, though its launching may be considered timely by some. The heat and controversy of the event extends beyond the grave and sometimes the sight of it extending itself is far from pleasant. Still, remembering what mankind is like, how jealous, how proud, and how inquisitive, it is a perfectly natural process. (Ofus)



The mating dance of the honbara bustard.



A journal in English for nature lovers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"THE MALE stands motionless with neck and head erect... as though... deep in thought..." This is one short stage in the mating dance of a Negev bird, the honbara bustard as brightly described in the second English issue of "Israel — Land and Nature," the S.P.N.I. (Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel) quarterly.

The eye-witness account of the exhausting courtship routine of the male of this species is offered by Giora Ilani, a staff zoologist of the S.P.N.I. (There were, incidentally, no females in sight at the time of this performance). He is one of ten writers whose articles appear in this new issue, on subjects ranging from

the wild pigs of the Alexander River (Canaanites ate pork, we learn) written by Shimon Dar, an archaeologist and member of Kibbutz Maabarot, to an account of "Desert Kites" in the Negev and Sinai, which are not kites at all, but rather a term used to describe traps used by Beduin for hunting gazelle. The author of the latter is Dr. Zeev Meshel, lecturer in archaeology and historical geography at Tel Aviv University.

Other articles in this publication, until recently available only to Hebrew readers through the Society's "Teva va-Aretz" quarterly, cover ecology and pollution, news of society outings and field-school activities. The photograph of one contributor — Gideon Halevy, who

wrote of the acacia trees of the Negev and Sinai — is rimmed by a black border: he was killed in the Yom Kippur War.

This new English version will be welcomed by readers who still have trouble coping with bustards and pollution in Hebrew. Some of the photographic reproductions are not good, but the line drawings — as of the admirable bustard — are fine. It is mailed to members of the S.P.N.I. (who may choose between the Hebrew and English versions), who also receive other publications of the Society. Membership rates are IL35 per year (IL20 for students or soldiers), and foreign subscriptions are \$10 inclusive of air mail. The Society's address is: 4 Hashafa St., T.A. 68183.



el Aviv hairdressing salon David and Lisa has been invited by the Italian fashion magazine "Estetica Notidario" to participate in an international design competition in Milan. An article about Lisa was recently featured in the magazine. The photograph shows David and Lisa's 'new line' for spring.

Lottery aims at clinical computer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

OF THE MOST sophisticated local computer analysis systems he world, a clinical version of the "st analyzer" developed by the Atomic Energy Commission, is being acquired by Assaf Harofeh Hospital if its current annual lottery is successful as is hoped.

The system, known as "smasec," can complete within a minutes numbers of chemical analysis procedures which normally take an hour or more, said Dr. Jacob

dman, head of the Hospital's central laboratories. The high-speed teleprinter attached to the computer prints from characters at speeds up to 30

characters per second. The single-drive magnetic tape system provides fast access, mass memory and push-button automation. Previously stored programmes are instantly available.

The lottery is being conducted by a committee headed by Mr. Shmuel Guttfarb of Ramat Gan and Mrs. Judasim, of Tel Aviv. "However, it will take the 'Friends of Assaf Harofeh Hospital' several years of effort to buy 'smasec,'" said Mr. Julian Meltzer, Chairman of the Council. "It will cost nearly IL500,000, together with shipping, but we are going to try to make it."

The computer will serve all hospitals in the central district.

Sailing the Canal in '42

By IRENE HERTZ

Special to The Jerusalem Post

NEWS that the first passenger ship has arrived in Haifa from Durban via the Suez Canal must have aroused memories in those who, like myself, were evacuated from Haifa to Durban by sea in 1942.

It was a few months before the defeat of Rommel in the Western Desert, and our sailing orders came very suddenly. I remember packing a few things and taking my two young children to the old railway station in Haifa to board a dusty train to El Kantara, after a tearful parting from my parents who remained behind.

We had come to Palestine, as it was then, from Germany in 1935 and in those seven years I had never seen the desert. Now we rolled through a sea of sand, dotted here and there with occasional palm trees and black tents of the Bedouin, with strings of camels spread out along the horizon. The month was June, it was hot and it was two in the morning before we arrived in Cairo. There was much confusion there at the time and Jews from Palestine with British passports and small babies fell into no known category — they were neither army personnel nor tourists.

I had little time to look at the fashionable shops and the elegant restaurants, before I was accosted by women in rage, eye-diseased

babies at their breasts, who tugged at my dress asking for bakasheesh. I was glad to find a small pension in Heliopolis where my children and I could await the arrival of the ship which we were to board in Suez.

I can remember thinking that the ship seemed to be literally sailing through the streets. This was, of course, an optical illusion; the Canal happened to be parallel to the street in which we were walking and we could see the upper decks and funnel of the ship gliding gracefully above our heads.

Not all of us were lucky. The next boat scheduled to evacuate women and children to Durban was bombed and went down with great loss of life and injuries.

I shall never forget the kindness of the Jews of Durban. They used to scan the passenger lists and when they came across a Jewish name would often take mothers and children into their homes and spare them the extra week's sailing to Cape Town.

Perhaps some of the 240 passengers from Durban who have now arrived in Israel via the Suez Canal may remember those war years. Perhaps it was their parents who gave us hospitality. I hope they enjoy their visit to Israel and will have some return for the immense warmth their parents showed to wartime evacuees.

Ort's biggest budget

NEW YORK —

A BUDGET of \$45,465,000 — the largest in Ort's history — was approved for 1976 by the American Ort Federation at the conclusion of its three-day annual conference here this week.

This almost 10 per cent increase over last year's \$41,589,000 budget primarily reflects the greatly enlarged scope of the Ort programme in Israel, notes Harold Friedman, who was re-elected to the presidency of the 140,000-member organization for a second term. He points to the considerable rise in numbers served, plus the opening of additional facilities, and the Israel Government's difficulty in absorbing more educational costs as reasons for the \$3m. increase over last year's budget.

Friedman said the programme in France has expanded as well, and that there is also the necessity to gear for longer range services for Soviet Jews in the Ort programme in Rome. He also noted a trend of rising student enrollment in practically all of Ort's programmes in its 24 member-countries. Moreover, the

impact on the Ort budget is further accentuated, he said, by harsh inflationary pressures, which in Israel alone run at about 35-40 per cent annually.

Of the total budget, \$25,464,500 was allocated for Israel, Friedman said, to meet the needs of Ort's 84 training schools there, which now minister to more than 47,000 students out of Ort's total world enrollment of 70,000. The Israel Ort student body is expected to "greatly exceed 50,000 in 1976," Friedman said.

He also noted that \$12,021,000 will be spent in France for the retraining of the North African Jews who have settled there. Some 6,000 students are currently enrolled in Ort technical and training programmes.

"In all," Friedman stated, "some 90 per cent of the Ort budget will be spent in these two countries this year."

He told the 700 delegates attending the conference that "crisis is no longer a one-time thing in Jewish life, rather it has become the nature of the age. These are not merely Ort problems. They are at the very centre of Jewish concern at this time."

BOOKS ABOUT MOVIELAND's glorious past are also raining down on defenceless heads in growing numbers. Miss Bette Davis, having co-authored the story of her life, has taken it on tour as a new kind of road-show, in which she spends one half of the evening showing clips of her golden oldies, the other talking about them to fans.

One book that gives some extraordinary insights into how Hollywood actually functioned in its heyday is

Angola sparks mercenary revival at the movies

The Angolan civil war has led MGM to revive its 1957 film *The Mercenaries* (Ophir, Tel Aviv), which is set in the neighbouring Congo in its early days of independence from Belgium. Directed by Jack Cardiff it was shot on location in Jamaica — which is said to have a physical resemblance to central Africa. When the film was originally issued it was called "Dark of the Sun."

Starring Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieux and Jim Brown, this cliché-ridden piece tells how a band of 40 mercenaries is detailed by the central Congolese Government to rescue a group of civilians besieged by "Simba" rebels in a small town in the interior. The mercenaries also have to pick up a \$20m. fortune in uncut diamonds stored there, which will save the government from imminent collapse. Beyond being depicted as bloodthirsty savages, we are told absolutely nothing of the

CINEMA / JACK LEON

motives of these "Simbas," or indeed what the whole thing is really about or where in the Congo it is supposed to take place. However, as the movie is based on a novel called "Train from Katanga" by Wilbur Smith, and diamonds are involved, we assume that in some way it concerns the unilateral declaration of independence by mineral-rich Katanga.

The cast does as well as can be expected in this all-action picture, in which no attempt is made at character development. But Kenneth More does manage to make believable the stock screen figure of the drunken doctor living in exile (in this case he is from England), who in the end redeems himself by trying out a critical operation and then dies heroically. Cardiff, who had a distinguished career as a cinematographer before becoming a director, handles his many crowd scenes with great skill and, in spite of its many shortcomings, the film does have several exciting episodes.

UNITED STATES INCOME TAX

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In Tel Aviv, the seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 1976, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Z.O.A. House, 1 Daniel Frisch Street, for U.S. businessmen, U.S. Government employees, and other employed and self-employed U.S. taxpayers.

In Jerusalem, the seminars will be held on February 11 and 12. The seminar on February 11 will be held at the Auditorium of the U.S. Cultural Center, 19 Karen Hayesod Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is for U.S. businessmen, U.S. Government employees, and other employed and self-employed taxpayers. The seminar on February 12 will be held at the Lecture Hall of the Y.M.C.A., King David Street, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is for U.S. retirees.

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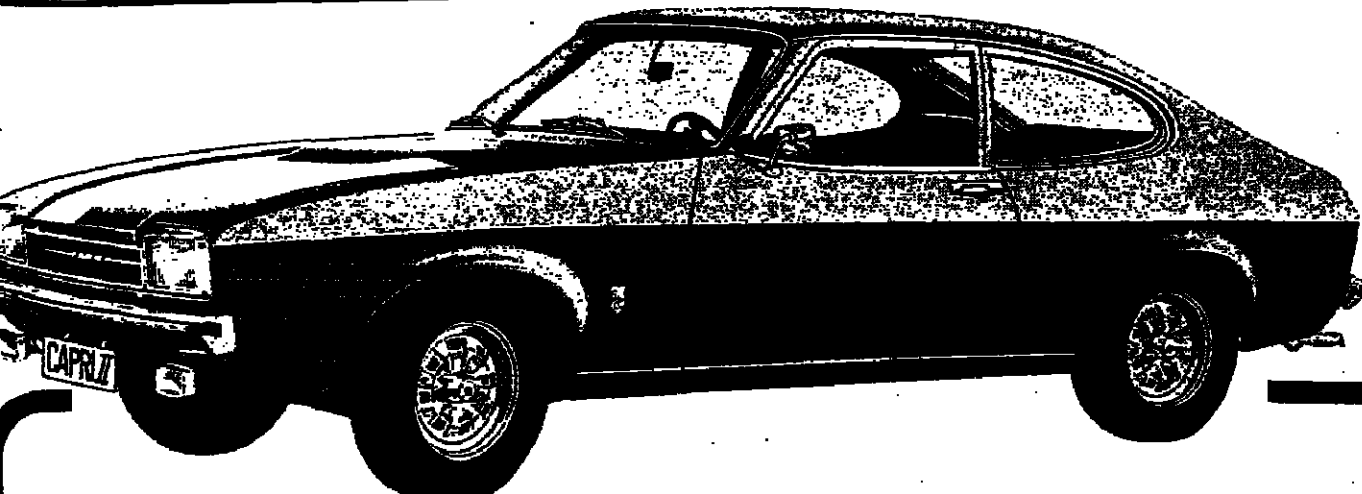
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The last bar girl

By ALEX EFTY / BEIRUT

"I COULDN'T ABANDON MY plants, and besides, I love Lebanon," said Edna Sadler, a German redhead and the last of Beirut's 3,000 European bar girls still in the city after 10 months of civil war.

"They put a bullet through my geranium pot, but the plant was okay. Then another bullet went through the kitchen. You should have seen it. There was a huge hole over the place as if there had been a massacre there," she said, laughing during an interview in her bullet-scarred apartment in Phoenicia Street, once the heart of the entertainment and night club strip.

Edna said she could remember the World War II air raids in her native Berlin when she was a child, but she smiled and said nothing when asked how old she was. An attractive person with well defined curves, she said she settled in Beirut 12 years ago after singing in night clubs in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. She ran the bar at the Excellence club in Phoenicia Street. "I grew roots here. I could not breathe a different air. All my friends are here," said Edna.

She and a Muslim family were the only tenants left in a seven-story apartment building a grenade's throw from the fire-blackened Holiday Inn and Phoenicia Hotel. "The terrorists were passing through the building all the time, but they were very correct. They even took me out to do my shopping at times and then brought me back again," said Edna.

"I used to pray every night as I slept in the narrow corridor between the kitchen and the bedroom. Then I got fed up with just two metres of space and decided to return to my bed, to sleep in my pink sheets. If something was going to happen to me, let it happen while I am in bed," I said to myself.

A bullet smashed through the wall just over her pillow one night. "If I had been sitting up in bed it would have hit me in the back... just like the case of a poor 70-year-old Russian lady in another building in the street," she said.

"The noise didn't scare me, but it bothered me. I couldn't sleep so I had two or three beers every night to make me sleep." Edna said she whiled away her time redecorating her apartment, watering her numerous potted plants, feeding cats left in her care by neighbours who fled, talking to friends on the telephone and watching television or listening to music whenever the electricity was not cut off.

"I tore up my red shawl and silk curtains and draped them over the balcony so I could water the plants without being seen," she said. "I knew they would shoot at anything moving. Even when there was heavy shooting I tied a small watering can to a broomstick and watered the plants through a window to avoid going out on the balcony."



Edna Sadler photographed this week on the balcony of her flat in Beirut. Behind her can be seen the burnt-out Phoenicia and Holiday Hotels. (AP Radiophoto)

"When the terrorists saw me redecorating my apartment, they thought I was mad, but they never bothered me. I had a big empty biscuit tin by the kitchen window. The terrorists who used the apartment building as a base told me if anyone bothered me I should throw this tin at the concrete courtyard four floors below so that the terrorists would alert them and they could speak to my aid. I had not worn a dress for months. All this time I wore a gym suit and I stayed at home. I didn't walk around as a girl, and I knew I should not provoke anyone."

"I have not paid any rent, electricity or water since the war started, like everyone else in Beirut, and I also had a large stock of canned food and other things at home as I love cooking. "I spent every penny I made all these years on my apartment. I have expensive furniture, curtains and other things. I could not bear to leave it all behind and go back to Germany. Besides, even though I am a Lebanese, I feel like one. I had such a beautiful life until the fighting started. I love the people, except those who were swarms of them immediately after the cease-fire. They went through all the occupied apartments and shops stripping them bare." Edna was once married to a British officer, has a British passport and said she is registered for evanescence with the British Embassy.

"But I told them I would be the last one to leave," added.



Michael Schneider, Ellyahu Goldenberg, centre, and Helms Bernard as they appear in the English language Shalom Aleichem evening, launched last month at Hamlin House, and featuring part of the Shalom Aleichem Festival. (LJ-Net)

Preparations for Shalom Aleichem festival

"TRIAL RUN" performances of Shalom Aleichem works in English and Yiddish were launched in Tel Aviv at the end of last month, in preparation for a full-scale six-week Shalom Aleichem festival to take place in April and May. The famous Jewish humourist died 60 years ago, and a public committee, under the chairmanship of Pinchas Eylon of the Union of Local Authorities has been set up for the purpose of commemorating the occasion. Apart from English and Yiddish productions, there will be perfor-

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

mances in Russian (the first is planned for the end of this month) and of course in Hebrew. Ellyahu Goldenberg, the actor whose name is most often connected with Shalom Aleichem, is taking a very active part, both in the organizational and performance aspects of the festival. New immigrant actors from England and

Russia will participate, as negotiations are now taking place with Shmuel Rodensky, Shmuel Segal and Raphael Klatchkin who is hoped, will take leave from Habima for the duration of the festival and participate in Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian programmes. There will be two full Hebrew programmes, probably to be held in conjunction with one of the large theatres. The festival finale being Hebrew translation of Aleichem "Song of Songs."

Germans worrying about dying out

By JOHN DORNBERG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

proximately 37m. Unless, of course, something is done to reverse the declining birthrate, which is now the lowest in the world - 10 live births a year per 1,000 population.

Curiously, the pattern in East Germany is similar. The GDR's birthrate is the world's second lowest: 10.6 per 1,000.

SOCIOLOGICALLY and in popular terminology the decline is called the "pill pinch." That does not mean that the anti-baby pill as such, now used by one-third of all German women, is specifically to blame for the drop in births.

"The pill," says Professor Hans Harmsen of the German Academy for Population Studies, "is not the cause but merely one of the circumstances under which the decline in the birthrate has been accelerated."

It seems that Germans today, for a variety of reasons - financial, economic, philosophical and emotional - are disinclined to have children, or at least enough children (2.5 per couple) to assure population stability.

This trend, especially after the glorification of parenthood spirit fostered during the Nazi era and the baby boom of the postwar years, has taken demographers by surprise. Though there had been a steady decline in the birthrate since the mid-1960s, it was not until three years ago that the rate began its nose-dive to the current level.

However, although the "baby bust" is widely discussed and

publicized, there seems to be no undue alarm. True, a few extremists, generally on the far right of the political spectrum, directly predict national and ethnic calamity.

Occasionally the discussion assumes racist overtones, particularly when statistics point to the relatively high birthrates among foreign worker families. "We are inundated with pregnant Turks, Yugoslavs and Greeks," the head of one maternity ward in Hamburg complained recently. "But no Germans. Without the foreigners we could just as well shut down."

ON THE WHOLE, the surveys and prognoses have been met with equanimity. In some government circles there is even audible relief, for a decline in population, at least through the next decade, will also mean a reduction in public expenditures for education and the entire gamut of social welfare activities.

Some economists predict an inevitable rise in the standard of living, for there will be less people to share the pie, as well as an ultimate easing of Germany's currently overcrowded labour market.

Battle for the part

BRIDGE / George E. Levinrew

North-South decided not to compete so East-West made eight tricks for 120 points, thus winning the board. Aggression won the day.

Deal 2:
Love all
Jerusalem Duplicate

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

EAST (D)
♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

The bidding was a struggle to

hand the contract, and the play by Ben Zeev, south, was an effort not to be set. A diamond was led to the king and ace. Declarer counted only six spade tricks if this suit broke 3-2, and two aces. He thought he might as well try to ruff a heart, so he led a heart which was won by the jack. The defence of course attacked spades and the spade ace won the next trick.

The effort to ruff a heart seemed hopeless, so declarer shifted to an effort to lose only one club trick. He led the 9 to the 10 jack and queen. The defence won a heart and then played a spade. Declarer played all his spades and successfully squeezed East who kept a high heart and the K4 in clubs. East was thrown in with a heart and had to lead a club to South's ace or dummy's eight. So with the beautiful throw in the contract was made.

BRIDGE CALENDAR

Jerusalem: The Gillsky Cup. Best three of four sessions. Scores in 11 Pts. 1. Tibany-Hass 115, 2. Elsing-Hardon 111, 3. Dr. Schapira-Yaffe 110, 4. 104.

National: The Confino Cup for Mixed Pairs, two sessions. 1. Anciman-Shuster, Tel Aviv, 61%; 2. Katz-Katz, Tel Aviv, 59%; 3. Mileik-Watman-Haifa, 59%; 4. Otzenauer-Lengford, 55%.

East: Open Pairs Championships: 1. A. Geller-S. Levy, 2. Y. Golan-R. Y. Bar-David - Y. Golob.

Haifa: Hagafen Cup: 1. Libster-Haim 55%; 2. Mrs. Scheinman-Silman 55%; 3. Dr. Shur-Segal 55%; 4. Ben-Tovim - Wilk 55%.

Weekly Duplicate Games, 8.00 p.m. Ashdod: Monday, Thursday: Museum, Beer-Sheva: Monday: Building Workers Club near the Keren Cinema.

Haifa City: Monday, Thursday: Beit Hagafen; Central Carmel: Sunday, Wednesday: Beit Rothchild; Neve Shaanan: Tuesday: Beit Abba Knafohl; Herzliya: Tuesday, Thursday: Accadia Hotel; Jerusalem: Wednesday: Diplomat Hotel; Kiryat Haim: Tuesday: Beit Nagler; Kiryat Tivon: Sunday: Beit Bahisladul.

Netanya: Monday: Hotel Gil, Rehov Rishon Lezion, Thursday: Wilo Hall Savron - Sunday: Arvia Hotel. Tel Aviv: Wednesday, Thursday: Dukes Club, Sunday: Adin Club.

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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3 Charles's youngsters? (5)
- 5 Unspecific letter of complaint (5)
- 10 On the side of rectitude (5)
- 11 A bit of a stare from Jack (5)
- 12 Backwater necessitating a paddle (5)
- 13 Throw a chap to the rooks (5)
- 15 Author's place (5)
- 16 He has some talent (3)
- 17 The U.S. is... (5)
- 21 One apt to remain unmoved (7)
- 22 He has the appetite for a rattling good fight (4)
- 23 It sounds a beauty (4)
- 24 Angry at not getting cash for a cock? (7)
- 25 Colourful transport up north (6)
- 27 Forerunner of Beethoven, for instance (3)
- 28 He like regions or zones (5)
- 31 Thirsty, bent at the photo (7)
- 34 You want a plane, hold it (5)
- 35 Good and angry (3)
- 36 How to play scores, we hear (5)
- 37 We get the ref to turn out for test (5)
- 38 Have a destructive influence on Kabbalah poetry (5)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 3 Musical groups (5)
- 5 Skunk (5)
- 10 Artificial silk (5)
- 11 Grabbily (3)
- 12 Polite (5)
- 13 Figure (7)
- 15 32 force, legally (5)
- 16 Dose (3)
- 17 Inlet (6)
- 21 Devotee (7)
- 22 Hostilities (4)
- 23 Measures of length (4)
- 24 Serious food shortage (7)
- 25 Beat (6)
- 27 Fish eggs (3)
- 28 Legal (5)
- 31 Fresh as eggs (3)
- 34 Footwear (5)
- 35 Go wrong (3)
- 36 Max (5)
- 37 Chitney (5)
- 38 Strife (5)

Monday's Easy Solution

1. Old salty beverage (5)
2. New life for a Ravel composition (5)
3. Any declaration is too much for her (5)
4. Kid from Sweden (5)
5. Collected the keys, for instance? (7)
6. Quicker to be a hunger striker? (5)
7. She pulls it over, we hear (5)
8. He helps to butter rolls (5)
9. People really in the same mood? (5)
10. He has to peer around for a road junction (5)
11. To show the piano's an old wreck (4)
12. The way to address the brave? (5)

Monday's Cryptic Solution

1. Across: 1. Monday (marrying feet) 10. Skunk 11. Grabbily 12. Polite 13. Figure 15. 32 force, legally 16. Dose 17. Inlet 21. Devotee 22. Hostilities 23. Measures of length 24. Serious food shortage 25. Beat 27. Fish eggs 28. Legal 31. Fresh as eggs 34. Footwear 35. Go wrong 36. Max 37. Chitney 38. Strife
2. Down: 1. March 2. Spot 3. Lead on 4. One-way 5. Sent 6. Knew 7. On 8. (days) 9. Minister 10. Set 11. Den 12. Cat 13. W.O.W. 14. Laid 15. Silt 16. N-Edd 17. Mides 18. Ready 19. Paul 20. Bikeswell

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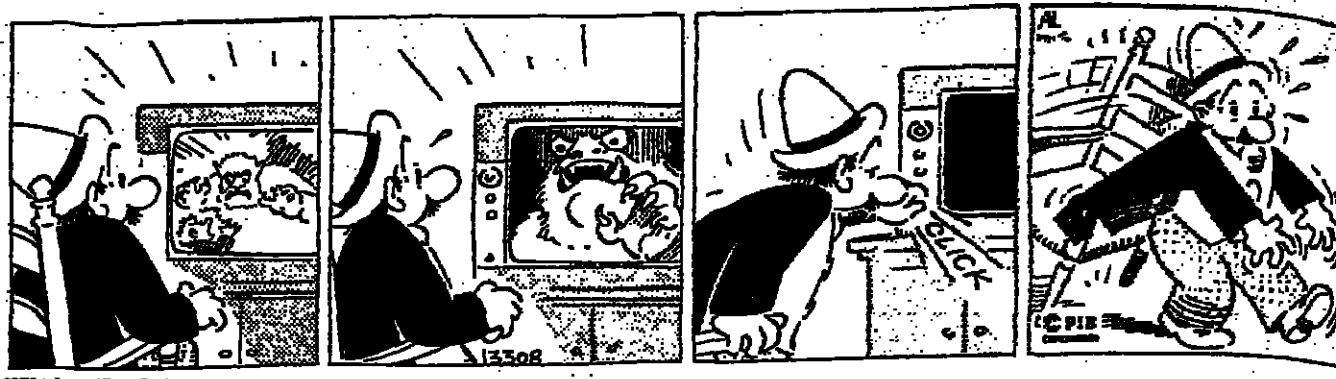
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1st Programme: News: 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 and midnight. Newsreels: 7.05 p.m.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

THE LOSS OF A MARITIME GIANT

A bitter setback

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

LARGEST, most daring and successful venture controlled by a Maritime Fruit Corp. also ranked high among the world's shipping concerns. Its loss by company creditors, thus presents a serious loss of importance and financial assets for the company as well as a bitter setback for its management.

The company's management is trying to turn a good face, however, by Meridor — who stepped as chairman of the board and as manager, though he remained on the board — has told the company's financial position is basically sound and it good prospects of overcoming current phase of non-liquidity by resuming operational growth.

While he may well prove it's all pie in the sky as far as company is concerned, for a head office is about to be moved from Haifa to London. Furthermore, most — if not all — of its eight vessels, now chartered to the Israeli flag, will be returned (unless they are acquired by Zim or another local ship company). This will allegedly end the new management to bow an embarrassing involvement in the company's status and also serve to end an astute attempt to beat the boycott by recourse to efficiency. For even though operated on a global scale, Israel trade accounting for only all — and diminishing — trace of its turnover (of late perhaps

10 per cent), it never dissociated itself from this country.

TRUSTING THAT it would be able — by sheer size and good performance — to force all companies to resort to its service, MFC even embarked upon a large-scale programme to build a fleet of tankers (to the tune of \$215m.). It also participated in several oil-prospecting ventures: in Ecuador, Canada and the North Sea.

"An Israeli company engaged in the transport of oil on the seven seas or gas from, say, West Africa to America, or in overseas oil production, is a phenomenon worth watching," *The Jerusalem Post* wrote in 1972.

"It is a heartening sign," the paper continued, "that the MFC's latest notes issue was floated in London despite the current scare of the Israeli flag. It fortifies one's belief that, in the long run, international trade will prevail over nationalistic terrorism."

That righteous hope was never fulfilled, however, in the wake of the subsequent oil crisis. Ironically, though, it was vanquished by factors having little to do with Arab terror. Like most shipping concerns, MFC embarked upon their expansion programme in the expectation of a rapid growth in oil consumption and, consequently, in the demand for oil transport.

This calculation was by no means

unfounded, since before the Yom Kippur War world oil consumption was rising by some seven per cent a year, and tanker traffic by 12 per cent. Since then, however, oil consumption has remained stationary, while tanker traffic has slumped abysmally.

Shipping costs increased (owing to soaring fuel prices), shipping revenues declined, and fleet operators were caught in the crunch. MFC — ever intent upon planning and diversification — stood the strain better than most shipping companies, but it too eventually stumbled, its cash inflow too small to meet spiralling expenses.

In retrospect, it seems that for all its astute, long-range planning, MFC overextended itself, with the result that its equity capital was too small to allow it to weather the current, unprecedented recession.

At mid 1972, its long-term debts amounted to \$189m. and its short-term liabilities to \$43m., while its share capital and convertible debentures totaled \$69m. At the end of 1974, its long-term debts soared to \$271m. Its outstanding commitments amounted to \$416m. while its capital base increased to \$129m. The latter did not, however, provide an adequate safety margin for raising additional funds against the heavy odds encountered by a shipping venture in the current circumstances.

The group is said to be short of some \$100m., which cannot be easily found by disposing of assets even at a loss. Buyers for vessels are now few and very discriminating. The situation may change drastically when a world economic recovery gathers momentum, but that may not happen before the end of this decade.

Meanwhile, MFC's creditors have stepped in.

In a way, MFC's inadequacy has been an inevitable result of its meteoric rise. It was set up in 1962 with next to no means besides guarantees provided by the Israeli Government and loans granted by the Akers shipyard of Norway.

After 10 years the company operated 29 reefers (refrigerated vessels) — of which 13 were owned by it, 4 managed, and 12 operated under long-term charters. Its consolidated balance sheet amounted to \$280m., apart from the refrigerated trade in which it specialized, and it controlled (jointly with the Swedish Salen Group) one half of the world market.

MFC expanded in the transport of liquid gas, and subsequently into other cargo traffic and into that of oil tankers, making expert use of the aid provided by several governments to their shipyard industries. Most of its financing was thus supplied by convenient credits, and MFC could achieve rapidly increasing turnover and earn ever bigger profits. In 1974 its turnover increased by 52 per cent, while its profit more than doubled. Only in 1976 did the company begin to feel the chill wind of world stagnation. In the second half of the year several of its shipyard orders were cancelled, and a few ships sold. But by then it was already too late.

Can any lesson be learned from the MFC debacle? The situation is still obscure and no details are known, but one conclusion concerns the dominant importance of adequate financing, which cannot be offset even by excellent technical and managerial knowhow.

Another factor is the relations between current accounts and capital transactions, which is all too often disregarded by modern managers.

MFC revenue has always been a mixture of current profits and income from sale of vessels and vessel construction contracts, and from surrender of tax benefits, so that no clear picture could be obtained by outsiders — but perhaps by insiders as well.

YAMIT's not-yet-completed metal factory has already commenced operations in its temporary headquarters in the Negev town of Netivot. Set up by a group of Soviet immigrants in cooperation with a Munich firm of Netivot, the factory will specialize in aluminum doors and windows, and will produce trawlers as well.

"PRODUCTIVITY" is a problem that has long troubled the captains of our economy. Indeed, quite a number of attempts to raise productivity here, all of them more or less unsuccessful, have been made over the years. But now, as we face the cold facts of economic realities head on, and the challenge of competing on the Common Market comes ahead, the problem is becoming acute. Consequently, we hear and read a lot about how urgent it is that something be done to improve our productivity, which ranks among the lowest of all industrialized countries.

At the Technion's Industrial and Management Engineering Faculty, two experts who made a study of the issue have worked out a plan which they believe may serve as a practical guide to higher productivity. Professor Ezer Dar-El, who emigrated from Australia several years ago, and Larry Young, a recent immigrant from the U.S., surveyed five plants, each employing some 300 to 500 workers, in an attempt to establish why productivity is so low.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Young noted that in the past, two major attempts to raise productivity by incentive pay and worker participation in management did not live up to expectations. Incentive pay for premium work above certain norms was soon just another way to give workers a concealed pay rise without doing very much about productivity. With the introduction of "automatic premiums," and even premium payments during sick leave, the whole thing became more or less a joke.

As for workers' participation, which according to local industrial thinking in the sixties was quite the thing, Young feels it failed because appointing a workers' representative to the management simply did not give the men at the bench a say in anything, or even a feeling of participation. It will be recalled that the big effort was made in the Electric Corporation, where several workers' committee members were co-opted to the management. But though one of them eventually ended up as general manager, the scheme did little to render the Corporation's work more efficient.

"In our survey we found that when management contemplated changes to raise productivity and efficiency, 80 per cent of the time workers were not informed of the impending changes in advance," Young said. Nor had they in any way been consulted, he added.

"But our survey clearly showed that they want to share in the implementation of changes. We found that it was standard management practice not to consult workers, although there is no doubt that workers are often able to make significant contribution towards improvements."

Furthermore, the study reinforced their conviction that "there is no labor problem which cannot be traced back to bad management."

THE TWO EXPERTS have, as a result of their study, worked out a plan for raising productivity, which is based on "productivity circles" to be comprised of grass root membership, the men at the benches themselves. The plan has drawn on established industrial management expertise, the Japanese "Quality Circles," which within a few

A plan to solve the productivity problem

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

years transformed an industry renowned for its shabby and inferior products into one that has become a trade mark for quality and precision.

"We propose worker level participation as the solution to work problems," Mr. Young said. "To make this practicable we propose giving select workers short courses in the basic principles of industrial engineering and methods analysis. These men will then be called upon to aid management in implementing changes designed to raise productivity."

"Workers are inherently conservative and tend to resist changes," Young explained. "To introduce changes without meeting resistance can best be achieved by allowing workers to set their own goals."

He stressed that this type of worker participation would in no way impose on management's prerogative. "Management will still make the decisions, but it will be able to make them in the knowledge that changes not only have the workers' backing, but will be spurred by the workers' own desire for change and improvement."

The experts note the less recognize that good will is not enough, and that the only real way of improving productivity is through incentives. But "reward need not necessarily be in the form of more money," Young said. "Job enrichment is also a great incentive."

At the same time, Young and Prof. Dar-El propose that a ceiling be set for premiums, which will recognize the physical limits of output. Experience has shown that a 45% premium, over and above the norm set, is reasonable. If the premiums are consistently above this ceiling the norm must be too low. (In Haifa port, for instance, the stevedores are consistently loading citrus fruit at a rate exceeding the norm almost four fold, but they are resisting any attempt to raise the norm.)

Their plan has been worked out in great detail, assigning roles to workers, works committees, the plants' productivity councils and management. They do not believe that they will be able to raise productivity immediately. "But we can at least help the best plants, which are ready and willing to change, to prosper. Their success is bound to influence the others too."

Professor Dar-El believes that productivity can and should be improved in the service industries too. "In Israel there is now no identifiable measure of productivity in the services, and indeed little attention is paid to productivity in this sector, except at budget time."

He holds that there is no facet of work that cannot be measured in terms of productivity. But the Israeli system of trying to solve the "concealed unemployment" in the services by freezing budgets, will only lead to frustration and even lower production. He believes that one way of tackling the problem would be to freeze the number of jobs in the services but enable the employees to improve their pay through higher productivity. But, for a start, service productivity must be measured in order for goals to be set.

AVIV STOCKS:

Bonds continue to fall

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Index-linked bonds used to fall yesterday, and the of Israel was once again to move in to absorb the

ex-linked bonds with a 10-redemption rate remained und. Options with a redemption of up to 1 1/4 years drop- about 1 to 3 points, and those a longer redemption period red unchanged or were mixed.

turnover in bonds came to 3m.

stock market was also down day, with a number of stocks

falling quite sharply. There was a turnover of IL3.5m. of which IL326,000 was in the variables. The General Index of Share Prices fell by 0.41 per cent to stand at 132.96.

The Natad dollar remained at IL8.35. There was a demand for \$8,000, and some \$40,000 were traded.

Discount Investment registered was down 3 to 181 (29,800); Discount Investment bearer, down 3 to 183.5 (2,200); Bank Leumi Investment, down 3 to 191 (78,800); Bank Ha-poa Investment, down 1 to 199 (11,000); and Ampe, down 3 to 120.5 (4,000).

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AD-LINKED STOCKS		
ad Sea Junior	285.5	282
ad Sea Corp. B	280	280
ad Sea Corp. C	280	280
AD-LINKED (incl. interest)		
1. 1985 (1)	472	478.5
2. 1987 (1)	478.5	481
3. 1989 (1)	481	483.5
4. 1991 (1)	483.5	486
5. 1993 (1)	486	488.5
6. 1995 (1)	488.5	491
7. 1997 (1)	491	493.5
8. 1999 (1)	493.5	496
9. 2001 (1)	496	498.5
10. 2003 (1)	498.5	501
11. 2005 (1)	501	503.5
12. 2007 (1)	503.5	506
13. 2009 (1)	506	508.5
14. 2011 (1)	508.5	511
15. 2013 (1)	511	513.5
16. 2015 (1)	513.5	516
17. 2017 (1)	516	518.5
18. 2019 (1)	518.5	521
19. 2021 (1)	521	523.5
20. 2023 (1)	523.5	526
21. 2025 (1)	526	528.5
22. 2027 (1)	528.5	531
23. 2029 (1)	531	533.5
24. 2031 (1)	533.5	536
25. 2033 (1)	536	538.5
26. 2035 (1)	538.5	541
27. 2037 (1)	541	543.5
28. 2039 (1)	543.5	546
29. 2041 (1)	546	548.5
30. 2043 (1)	548.5	551
31. 2045 (1)	551	553.5
32. 2047 (1)	553.5	556
33. 2049 (1)	556	558.5
34. 2051 (1)	558.5	561
35. 2053 (1)	561	563.5
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37. 2057 (1)	566	568.5
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39. 2061 (1)	571	573.5
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48. 2079 (1)	593.5	596
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51. 2085 (1)	601	603.5
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60. 2103 (1)	623.5	626
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62. 2107 (1)	628.5	631
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94. 2171 (1)	708.5	711
95. 2173 (1)	711	713.5
96. 2175 (1)	713.5	716
97. 2177 (1)	716	718.5
98. 2179 (1)	718.5	721
99. 2181 (1)	721	723.5
100. 2183 (1)	723.5	726
101. 2185 (1)	726	728.5
102. 2187 (1)	728.5	731
103. 2189 (1)	731	733.5
104. 2191 (1)	733.5	736
105. 2193 (1)	736	738.5
106. 2195 (1)	738.5	741
107. 2197 (1)	741	743.5
108. 2199 (1)	743.5	746
109. 2201 (1)	746	748.5
110. 2203 (1)	748.5	751
111. 2205 (1)	751	753.5
112. 2207 (1)	753.5	756
113. 2209 (1)	756	758.5
114. 2211 (1)	758.5	761
115. 2213 (1)	761	763.5
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Good intentions are not enough

THE TREASURY'S REASSURANCE, conveyed to the Histadrut last week, that despite soaring prices the real disposable income of most Israeli wage-earners will not decline this year (and may even go up a notch) is the reverse of reassuring. It contradicts an express stipulation in the national economic plan for 1976 that private consumption shall decline by 3 per cent per capita.

This policy of self-denial is not a cause of rejoicing; but it was adopted in the National Budget, because the alternative is worse. The alternative was given voice last week by Finance Minister Rabinowitz, who warned the Histadrut that a collapse of full employment could happen at two or three months' notice.

Reducing living standards is a complicated process in a democratic society. It involves budgetary restraint as well as wage restraint. The purpose is to share the burden equally. Everybody must earn a little less, otherwise some people will earn a lot less, by becoming unemployed.

Among those who must earn less are, as the Histadrut's Yehoram Meshel rightly insists, the business community. Their fate is determined by the Government's financial policy. They thrive on the exchequer's deficits.

The money pumped into circulation with the aid of the present Supplementary Budget — which authorizes an excess of expenditure over revenue to the tune of IL7,000m. — must go (at least in part) into somebody's pockets; if not into those of the wage-earner, then into those of his employer. Therefore it would be reasonable for the Histadrut to make a wage-freeze conditional on a budget-freeze.

In fact neither of the two is happening. The Government is not stamping out the practice of deficit financing, and it is not controlling wage policy either. Questioned at a recent press conference about the union-employer negotiations, Haim Bar Lev, the Minister in charge of industry, declared bluntly that the Government's attitude is not to intervene.

So, left to themselves, the Manufacturers Association and the Histadrut have agreed on a 6 per cent wage rise, plus other benefits, for the country's production workers. Both sides assume that the authorities will print enough money (by running a budget deficit) to keep all enterprises going, despite the extra wage bill. It is a legitimate assumption, since the Government did not intervene.

That failure to intervene is another nail in the coffin of Yehoshua Rabinowitz's economic policy. Announcing pious intentions is not enough. The Government's task is to be tough. It must enforce its policies — in the knowledge that there will be opposition, and in the face of that opposition.

FIGHTING IRISHMAN

THE RESIGNATION of Daniel Patrick Moynihan does not come as a surprise — it had been on the cards for several months now — but it is nevertheless cause for profound regret.

During his brief tenure as the U.S. permanent representative to the UN, this monumental Irishman proved himself the terror of the "third world" terrorists who stalk the halls flinging their wads of petro-dollars around. He also turned out to be the scourge of striped pants in Washington, and elsewhere, who believe that the anti-American juggernaut could best be stopped by throwing flowers of penitence in its path.

His tactics, as he rightly, if somewhat exaggeratedly, claimed in the leaked letter to Dr. Kissinger last week, were a success. Governments which had earlier feared only the power of Arab oil and Soviet turmoil now began to realize that craven submission to America's enemies "was not without a cost." Unfortunately these tactics, as he ruefully conceded, did not reflect the "conventional wisdom" in the State Department.

The Moynihan policies, needless to say, were essentially those shaped by the President and the Secretary of State. But the UN Ambassador contrived to reshape them in some measure by the sheer verve and brilliance of his expression. He was not one to blanch at calling a spade a spade. Idi Amin, who had asked for the extinction of democratic Israel, was termed "a racist murderer." The General Assembly's anti-Zionist resolution was denounced as a "great evil... loosed upon the world," and an attempt to give the appearance of international sanction to "the abomination of anti-Semitism."

This kind of blunt-speaking by Mr. Moynihan did not make him a hero to his superiors. But it delighted the overwhelming majority of the American people. As a result he now finds himself at the peak of his popularity. His public career may in fact only begin to flourish at this time, in this election year.

The people of Israel, however, will sorely miss his loud and clear voice at the UN.

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VALUE ADDED TAX — WHAT'S NEW?

Value Added Tax will be introduced in the near future, and the Customs and Excise Department is publishing background information, details and current announcements on the new tax, in a series of special notices.

These notices will be open to questions from the public, which will be answered by the Customs and Excise Department.

The notices will appear in *The Jerusalem Post* twice a week, on Page 9.

ARAB GOVERNMENTS were this week considering the implications of Washington's veto in the Security Council of a resolution that would have nullified UN Resolutions 242 and 338: the first was adopted after the Six Day War in 1967 and the second after the Yom Kippur War in 1973; both recognize Israel's right to exist in secure and recognized boundaries.

In its veto two weeks ago, Washington forcefully opposed the attempt by the alliance of Arabs, Soviets and Third World countries to undermine these two resolutions and to legitimize the Palestine Liberation Organization's challenge to Israel. This at least had been the firm impression until the resignation two days ago of outspoken U.S. ambassador to the UN, Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

In contrast to Moynihan's dramatic expression of American opposition to introducing the PLO as an official party to Middle East negotiations, at least until they recognized Israel — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said yesterday he had received an American undertaking to recognize the PLO.

In an interview with the weekly "Al-Hawadeth" in Beirut, Sadat claimed he had "more than a pledge" from the U.S. to recognize the PLO. He said he was not free to elaborate.

IF CONFIRMED, Sadat's statement conflicts with the two major political options reportedly discussed by Prime Minister Rabin in the U.S.: resumption of the Geneva peace conference with the PLO represented by a Jordanian delegation; or the launching of a campaign of "quiet diplomacy" aimed at achieving periodic interim settlements between Israel and the neighbouring Arab states.

It would also contradict a flurry of reports this week over imminent negotiations between Israel and Jordan over what was termed a "West Bank interim settlement" — barring the possibility that Jordan had suddenly been entrusted to represent its longtime foe, the PLO.

Jordan was engaged in a great deal of political activity this week. Prime Minister Zaid Rival paid two lightning visits to Syria and Saudi Arabia, at the same time invitations were extended to West Bank residents who were at one time members of the Jordanian parliament to attend a session that Hussein intends to convene. Comprised of an equal number of Jordanians and "Palestinians," the parliament was dissolved early last year in the aftermath of the 1974 Rabat summit which transferred responsibility for the West Bank from Jordan to the PLO.

Does Jordan's activity herald a new momentum to peace efforts or does it mark a climax to Syrian efforts to rally Jordan and Syria behind it for purposes of military confrontation with Israel?

In seeking to answer this question, traditional Middle East ambiguities are exacerbated by Moynihan's walkout, which obviously stems from a conflict with the State Department over the handling of foreign policy issues, including the Israel-Arab conflict.

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READERS' LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JERUSALEM POST Sir, — Two items in your paper of January 21 have prompted me, a visitor to Israel from Great Britain, to write to you.

On the front page, I read of the report on charter flights, and on page nine, "that of British 40 travel agents linked with foreign tour organizations, only 12 were promoting Israel tourism and eight of them were Jewish owned."

When I initiated my own enquiries about visiting Israel this winter, I was shocked to find that no major British tour operator had any mention of Israel in their "winter sun" brochures for 1975/76.

Forgive my saying so, but it is a pointless exercise for the Minister of Tourism to come to Britain to induce, presumably, non-Jewish tourists in visiting Israel if the large non-Jewish travel agents do not publicize inclusive package-deal tours. One really cannot expect the non-Jewish British travelling public to read "The Jewish Chronicle" to become aware that these holidays do exist and can be booked through Jewish travel agents.

Also, from my own observations and experiences in four visits here in recent years, there is a crying need for good, non-luxury hotels offering service at reasonable prices if tourists, be they Jewish or otherwise, are to be encouraged to come to Israel not just once, but over and over again.

MAURICE MICHAELS
Jerusalem (London), January 21.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JERUSALEM POST Sir, — We have just returned from a December trip to Israel and feel compelled to let your readers know how enjoyable it was.

The weather was ideal — mild in Tel Aviv, cool in Jerusalem and hot enough in the Dead Sea area to take a swim. This was a unique experience!

Also, the fruits and fresh vegetables are outrageously good. The displays in Tel Aviv's Carmel market are a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

We enjoyed, too the deservedly

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After the U.S. veto

Middle East Scene
Anan Safadi



Suleiman Franjeh

AFTER ALMOST two weeks of a truce engineered by the Syrians, the general feeling in Lebanon was that the worst was over in Lebanon's ten-month-long civil war. Or was it?

Two of Lebanon's main protagonists, the champion of the leftist camp, Druse leader Kamal Jumblatt, and the head of the Christian Phalangists, Pierre Jemayyel, said this week that the rival camps were rearming for an inevitable decisive confrontation. Each said the other's camp had to be "crushed" before peace could return to the Land of the Cedar.

Nevertheless, they were waiting the outcome of Syria's "peace" efforts aimed at "reforming" Lebanon's unwritten constitution which has given the major authority to the Christians, now a 40 per cent minority compared to the Moslem and Druse majority.

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TOURISM AND CHARTERS

renowned sites and museums found on every tour, but the true flavour of the country is enhanced by taking bus rides, sharing a Sherut taxi, walking along back-street alleyways and attending services in out of the way synagogues.

Indeed, Jews are members of one family and a visit to Israel always reminds us of how true this is.

F. GOLDMAN
Brooklyn, January 12.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JERUSALEM POST Sir, — The Heth Committee has cautiously concluded that there might be some relationship between cost of air fares and number of air travellers. Wouldn't common sense indicate that many families

help, however, to alleviate any possible El Al anxiety about competition, for it "of course" must not be expected to curtail its services, and it should be compensated for whatever losses it incurs in maintaining them alongside charter flights. Job security and efficiency will continue to be maintained at the expense of the Israeli taxpayer.

PAUL STEINFELD
Jerusalem (Pleasantville, N.Y.), January 22.

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proval of the leftists, calls for a continued Christian presidency and Moslem premiership. But it divides power equally between them. It calls for apportioning authority equally between Christians and Moslems in state institutions in contrast to the six to five ratio favouring the Christians.

The Syrians also undertook to regulate "Lebanese-Palestinian coexistence" under the terms of existing accords which restrict the presence of the PLO, now in virtual control of two thirds of Lebanon. The Christians regard with wariness the Syrian proposal to maintain in Lebanon 2,000 troops of the Damascus-controlled Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) to police the PLO's various groupings.

Jemayyel and other influential Christian leaders indicated they might support the Syrian formula if government sovereignty and authority is restored throughout Lebanon; at present, the north, east and south of the country are controlled by a PLO-Leftist alliance.

A Christian presidential aspirant Raymond Eddé, voiced scepticism over Syrian intentions, noting that Damascus was in fact establishing a mandate over Lebanon. He said the Syrian formula was no more than an "imposed solution," under which the leftists have won their battle over the country's Christians and Moslems who lost 10,000 dead and 40,000 wounded.

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EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT Husni Mubarak and other Arab officials appeared to have got nowhere, as of yesterday, in attempts to mediate between Algeria and Morocco in their dispute over the phosphate-rich Spanish Sahara. Morocco had been preparing to take over the territory on February 28 together with neighbouring Mauritania under an agreement signed with Spain last November.

Algeria claims to be defending the right to "self-determination" of Sahara's 80,000 nomadic inhabitants. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union was reportedly airlifting arms to Algeria as well as to its neighbouring supporter, Libya. The Russians were also reported to be sending arms to the Sahara's "Polaris" liberationist movement.

The tiny Polisario movement, however, does not pose a threat to Morocco which is now well installed in the Sahara, and observers forecast a possible Algerian assault on the Sahara.

In that event, Morocco would hold a logistic advantage over Algeria, which enjoys superiority in the air. Algeria could field over 200 Soviet-made combat planes, 150 tanks, and 150 armoured personnel carriers to support its 50,000-man army. Morocco's 60,000 strong armed forces are equipped with mixed Soviet and western arms including 120 T-34s, 120 AMX-13s and 100 armoured personnel carriers. They have only 60 combat planes, including U.S.-made Northrop F-5s, and French Mirage and F-4 Phantom fighters.

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Of safe-crackers and prime ministers' wives

WITH PREJUDICE / Alex Berlyne

HAVING LIVED DOWN that Keystone Cops rib-tickler, "The Stolen Safe," our police promptly popped up for a return engagement in Mack Sennet's latest slapstick production, "The Yunderf Children."

Obligated to carry out the Supreme Court's decision to return the two boys to their father in Germany, the poor cops found themselves opposed not only by the El Al pilots but, apparently, by the public as well in what Macaulay called "one of its periodic fits of morality."

While this farce was being played out, assisted by the more lawless elements of the population, other El Al pilots were busy flying whole families of yordim out of the country to Germany and other destinations, as they have been doing for years without a single voice being raised in protest.

No one seems to have noticed that the police have simultaneously been racking up a string of successful investigations into the deeds of naughty, senior civil servants, embassied officials and other highly placed bunco artists.

THEY'RE THE PERENNIAL victims of the public's schizophrenia. The very same outraged citizen who considers that the police aren't doing enough to root out wrongdoers is the first to howl when he himself gets a parking ticket.

I myself have committed the same sin in the past.

Once upon a time when we were very young, a safe-cracker escaped from his inhuman American jail and made his way to Israel — where he achieved the instant popularity traditionally lavished on visiting celebrities.

At about the same time, the Jerusalem municipality proudly inaugurated the city's first traffic lights (at the King George-Jaffa intersection), a non-event which escaped my attention.

Naturally, I was one of the first to be grabbed for crossing against the light, even though I did so in the company of at least 40 other desperadoes. While the cop was writing out the ticket, I spied the bank-robbler strolling along with his arm around a girl's waist.

That did it. I gave the unfortunate cop a tongue-lashing that I knew to be unjustified — the bank-robbler had broken no Israeli law and his extradition was not being sought.

I only felt better about the whole episode when, a few months later, I was passing the Cafe Kasit and spotted the safe-blower talking to a well-known Anglo-Jewish playwright.

"Look, Kops and robbers," I observed to my companion.

EVERYWHERE SEEN as the plodding and pragmatic censors of public behaviour, the police have never been high up in the popularity stakes (the only exception was Balzac who considered it to be a noble profession combining the roles of soldier, priest and artist).

This is rather unfair as there is ample evidence to show that they are the only line of defence between the public and the bogymen and, moreover, that by and large they are more honest than the average citizen.

Last year, in an experiment carried out by the New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, a wallet containing \$3 was left on the sidewalk. Over 86 per cent of the finders kept the money. When police personnel were similarly tested, only 30 per cent failed to hand over the money — and this happened in New York with its unenviable record of widespread corruption of the type revealed in "Serpico."

The most inglorious example of police honesty I ever came across was the case of the Do-It-Yourself sergeant whose court appearance was reported in the "Daily Express." Having found that the license for his mongrel terrier had expired, he told the magistrates, "my very first act was to take out a summons against myself."

THE UNCOMFORTABLE fact is that villainy is far widespread than most people believe. In Israel, for example, half a million offenders have criminal files opened against them since the country attained independence. If you deduct the in arms and the geriatric elements of the population...

Violence is on the increase throughout the world. In Britain, for example, there were 1,000 murders, manslaughter cases and 1,500 robberies in 1975, an increase of 75 per cent since 1965. The figures for 1976 are not yet available.

Quite often this violence is directed at the police themselves. The "Leamington Spa Courier" long ago reported the case of a Warwick motorist who drove straight at a police car travelling in the opposite direction. He told Leamington magistrates that contact lenses had slipped and he had received some disfigurement.

From the police point of view, lawlessness is a widespread phenomenon. In the standard Israeli driving test, the judiciary takes the point of Lord Mansfield in *Rex v. Wain*: "Let justice be done though heavens fall," and they argue do fall — on the heads of the bad cops.

Often the criminal offences are particularly provoking in their nature. "The Scotsman" reported the trial of a certain Melville whose counsel, Mr. R. D. Macdonald, told the court that his client "suffered from insomnia and only thing that helped was to go and steal a car."

Fined at Brentford for riding a bicycle to the common danger man was described by the police as a reading a picture magazine. When the danger was over, reported the "Richmond and Twickenham Times," he replied: "It's the only chance I get to read."

A SURPRISING NUMBER of people are dishonest in small matters. Jason Dittion, of the University of Durham's sociology department, one of the world's leading experts on liberating, fiddling, wage-scrounging, flinching, gouging, gyping. He believes that petty dishonesties of this type are a natural part of the economy, "like a parasite on the economic system," and estimates that the amount pilfered as 1.8 per cent of Britain's GNP, or some £1,000,000 annually.

Larceny develops at a baby's age. I'm constantly amazed by children of 11 and 12 whom I see who are permanently engaged copying, forging and other lawless activities. They scorn paying for municipal bicycle licence and hours filling up the punched holes in their Egged season tickets in order to defraud the company.

child consistently gets good marks for art (at which he's really poor) simply by "borrowing" work of the best pupil and showing it as his own. All this is done with the connivance of the parents, good folk all, who honestly shocked at the newspaper stories about Messrs. T. S. Rosenbaum or the well-publicized extortion rackets.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, Mrs. L. Rabin told the "Washington Post" that she loves speeding but of course "I never get a ticket."

"We are all special cases," Mr. Camus. But some of us are closer more special than others.

For the in people

There is no sign on the door, only the very in people really in that one of the finest places in Tel Aviv is the Habakkuk Hotel. Here you can enjoy privacy, your own home together with all the luxury of a first class hotel.

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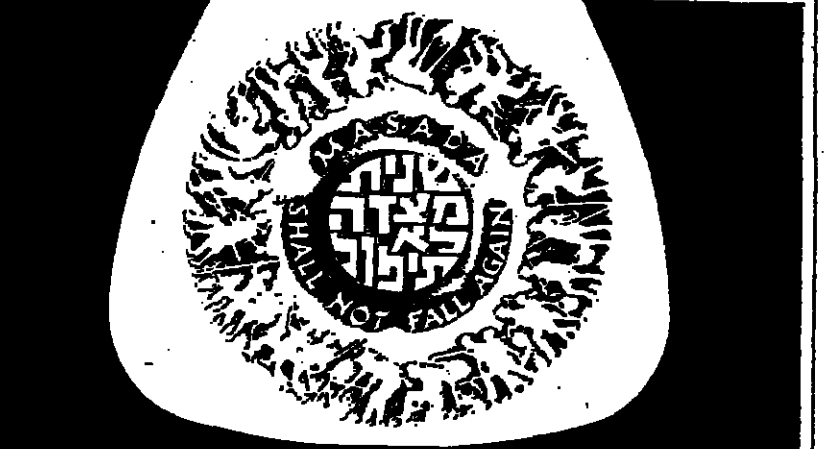
And together with all this, there are absolutely no household worries. The apartments are cleaned daily. Linen is supplied as well as towels and kitchen towels. There is hot water and in the summer apartments are air-conditioned, and in the winter, they are heated. Of course each apartment has its own vision, radio and telephone. The management of the hotel — experts creating a special atmosphere offering superior service, ensure that the public rooms are under construction, as they are joined with the adjacent hotel, being built by the same firm.

In view of all its attributes, rates are extremely reasonable. The maximum price for a 1-room flat \$20 including service and taxes, for a 2-roomer, \$28-\$35 including service and taxes. These are special reductions for guests staying longer than one month.

The hotel is very popular with foreign embassies, which frequently keep a number of the exquisite reserved for diplomats and other visitors.

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